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SIANFU HORRORS.

HUMAN FLESH FOR SALE.

HUNDREDS DYING DAILY.

Peking, Dec. 10. The terrible conditions prevailing in Sianfu are described in a graphic despatch from Reuters' correspondent in the Shensi war zone, dated November 20, when the City was still under subjugation and fierce fighting was in progress.

TERRIBLE CONDITIONS.

A Chinese refugee, who managed to get through the lines though robbed of his money and clothes by soldiers, told the correspondent that the city streets were strewn with the dead of the poor who died long ago and remain where they fell. Soldiers were robbing the people of all supplies and food could not be purchased though human flesh was offered for sale. Many were subsisting on bean-cakes normally used as cattle food or fertilizer. All dogs had vanished from the streets, and the troops were living on horseflesh millet and flour including the husks.

A DESPERATE STATE.

A touching appeal on behalf of the Chinese staff of the hospital which the combined missionary forces in Sianfu are running, is made in a letter from Dr. Clement Stockley of the English Baptist Mission, with has reached the Rev. Mr. Shields of the same mission. Writing from Sianfu on November 19th Dr. Stockley urges efforts to get permission for the hospital staff to leave the City for their homes.

FACED WITH STARVATION.

"We are truly in a desperate state and nothing but starvation stares us in the face. Hundreds are dying in the city daily and it is impossible to buy food. You cannot understand the state of affairs, it is just simply awful. It is difficult to bury all that die of starvation, and many lie in the streets for days unburied and uncarried for. We foreigners can last about two weeks if we are allowed to keep the little we have. All are well and we should like to stay a few days longer to help those we can, and see if we can help with any efforts for peace, but soon we will have nothing to eat ourselves. Of course if the staff cannot get out we will have to share our supplies with them and that will not last long.—*Reuter.*"

U. S. MINE DISASTER.

THIRTY BELIEVED KILLED.

New York, Dec. 9.

A message from Princeton, Indiana, says that over thirty miners are believed to have been killed a few minutes after starting work, owing to an explosion in the Francisco mine, South-west Indiana. The explosion was due to gas, and blew off the top of the shaft and forced the cage to the top of the mine.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FRENCH BUDGET.

BILLIONS OF FRANCS.

Paris, Dec. 9.

The Chamber of Deputies has passed the budget by 410 votes to 185. The estimated expenditure amounts to 39,834,408,189 francs, and the estimated receipts to 40,099,101,036 francs. Only the Socialists and the Communists voted against the Budget. The Chamber has adjourned until December 17th.—*Reuter.*

ANKING REPORTED FALLEN.

NEWS BELIEVED TO BE PREMATURE.

TROOPS ON THE MOVE.

There is a report to hand from Chinese sources that Anking has fallen into the Southerners' hands. This news, however, would appear rather premature, as the Southerners' main object at the moment is said to be to strengthen their position in the northern part of Anhui in order to cope with contingencies which are sure to arise in the near future.

This is the shortest route through which the Shantung forces could force their way to attack Kiangsi and Hupeh. Now that Szechuan has come under the Kuomintang rule, all available troops stationed on the north-western frontiers of Hupeh are being mobilized on the Honan-Anhui frontiers.

Reports regarding the Southern forces state that there are great activities in the movements of the troops in the northern part of Hupeh and also the southern part of Honan eastward to Anhui.

[Anking is situated on the Yangtze River about midway between Kiukiang and Nanking.]

TOO POOR TO ROB.

ARMED MEN GET A DISAPPOINTMENT.

Seldom has it been recorded of an armed robbery that it met with no success on account of the poverty of the victims. But yesterday a band of robbers calling at No. 423, Reclamation Street, Mongkok, were forced to admit that the inmates were so poor that there was absolutely nothing of value to steal—and this after they had taken the trouble of planning a strategy to secure their admission into the premises, without arousing premature suspicion.

A police report issued this morning stated in effect that it was with empty hands that the two armed robbers concerned in the affair went away after half-an-hour of futile search for valuables.

BAD WEATHER.

CYCLONIC GALE BUFFETS JAPANESE BOAT.

Bad weather is reported by nearly all vessels coming into Hongkong yesterday. A few hours out of Moji on the way to Hongkong, the Japanese freighter, Bokuyo Maru, ran into a gale of cyclone force and received a severe buffeting. High seas swept over the decks, but little damage was done.

The Raymond Poincare, a French steamer carrying coal from Haiphong to the North, met with rough weather, and, to make matters worse, engine trouble was experienced shortly after leaving Haiphong. The master was forced to put into Hongkong this morning for water and stores.

ICE JAM BREAKS.

FLEET OF GRAIN CARRIERS RELEASED.

New York, Dec. 9.

A message from Port William says that the ice jam between Lake Superior and Lake Huron has broken, liberating a fleet of grain carriers, laden with several million bushels of wheat, which had previously been caught by early wintry conditions.—*Reuter's American Service.*

"SUNNING" FIRE.

ENGINEERS GIVE EVIDENCE.

A DELIBERATE ACT.

That the application of a torch, first to the upper works, and then to the lifeboats that remained to the officers, was a deliberate act to wipe out all traces of the crime through the total destruction of the vessels and the lives of all those aboard, was asserted by Mr. W. Orr, the Second Engineer, when giving further testimony today in the Sunning piracy case before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Police Court.

This statement was made in reply to a query put in examination by Mr. M. K. Lo, appearing for the sixth and a number of other defendants. When called upon to identify the alleged pirates from amongst the number of defendants in Court, the same witness implicated Nos. 1, 2, 3, 7 and 20, the last-named being recognised as one of the two men knocked out by the Second Officer with his navigation lead on the bridge.

OFFER TO CAPTAIN.

Describing the progress of the fire, witness said that it appeared to have started in the cabin of the second mate, spreading from this part until the whole upper works were involved. Two wounded men were seen to crawl along the deck near the afterport lifeboat which had been deliberately set on fire, and to drop overboard after a buoy and life-jacket had been thrown in. About this time, a cry was heard in plain English calling out to the Captain:—"If you give up your arms, we will assist you to put out the fire."

As witness went forward to save the other lifeboat from destruction, he saw No. 7 defendant being beaten and tied up by the crew. On two occasions he had seen No. 6 defendant (the man named So Tik-sui, who is being defended by Mr. M. K. Lo) speaking to two men (one of whom was the 20th defendant) as they were lying wounded on the forward main deck, after being lowered from the burning bridge. However, it was on information received from a mess-boy that he caused this man to be arrested by the naval guard.

USELESS QUESTIONS.

The No. 1 defendant, in putting a question to the witness, was told by his Worship that "it is no use putting the same question again and again after it had been answered, almost for the sake of talking."

Questioned with regard to defendant No. 19, who was the ship's carpenter, witness said he did not see this man connected with any act during the piracy.

The Crown Solicitor said that later he would make an application respecting this man.

Replying to Mr. Lo, witness said that the burning of the ship and its boats was a deliberate act and was a most effective way of destroying evidence. He admitted that defendant No. 6 was only one of a possible number of persons who might have spoken to the wounded men, and that he was the only man arrested after the two identification musters held aboard.

MR. DUNCAN'S EVIDENCE.

Mr. Andrew Duncan, the Third Engineer, was the next witness called. He related that his first information of the presence of pirates on board was obtained from a steward when he was on duty towards "four bells" in the engine room. He could not possibly have heard anything above the din of the engines, but when he was due to be relieved at "four bells" by the Second Engineer, he sent up a greaser. The latter had hardly reached the top platform (Continued On Page 12.)

THE BANK EMPLOYEES' STRIKE.

CANTON GOVERNMENT AS MEDIATOR.

RETURN TO WORK URGED.

The present position of the Canton bank employees' strike in Canton, as understood in Hongkong by the managers of the local Banks concerned, is that the Canton Government has taken up the matter in the role of mediator, and has advised the strikers to return to work pending a settlement which the Government is hoping to bring about. The Government hopes to induce the Hongkong managers of the four big Banks involved to attend a meeting to be held at Canton. From enquiries made locally this morning it would appear that the managers in question are reluctant to attend the proposed meeting, and

NO INTERVENTION.

British Minister's Statement Endorsed.

London, Dec. 9.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Frederick Hall, who asked whether Mr. Miles Lampson's pronouncement in Shanghai that there could be no question of British intervention in the internal affairs of China was made on the instructions of the Government, Mr. Locker Lampson said that the statement accorded with the policy frequently expressed by Sir Austen Chamberlain. He added that the latter had frequently made it clear that every possible step would be taken to safeguard the lives of Britishers.—*Reuter.*

feel at present that they can do nothing to improve the situation on their side. It is understood never at any time have big reserves been allowed to accumulate on the premises of Canton branches of the Banks.

FIRESTONE RUBBER.

AGREEMENT WITH LIBERIA.

London, Dec. 9.

It is announced that a Firestone's rubber group agreement and also an American loan contract has been signed and ratified by the Liberian Government and the Legislature. Mr. Harvey Firestone, has left Monrovia for Aden en route to America.—*Reuter.*

COAL SETTLEMENT.

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS REPEALED.

London, Dec. 9.

The House of Commons has agreed to a motion repealing the majority of the Emergency Regulations, apart from those required to control the export of coal, and supplies of gas, water and electricity pending the return to normal work.—*Reuter.*

EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

CONDITION BECOMES WORSE.

Tokyo, Dec. 9.

An Imperial Household bulletin issued last evening, says that the Emperor's condition is worse, with symptoms of bronchial pneumonia in the right lung.—*Reuter.*

OIL DIVIDEND.

ROYAL DUTCH INTERIM.

The Hague, Dec. 9.

The Royal Dutch Petroleum Company has declared an interim dividend of ten per cent.—*Reuter.*

HANKOW UNREST.

ATTEMPT TO FORCE ISSUE.

AIM OF EXTREMISTS.

A well-known Shanghai resident, with a long experience of life in China, who has recently returned from a visit to Hankow, writes to the N. C. Daily News giving some interesting impressions of the situation there.

He refers to the activities of pickets in seizing baggage from steamer passengers, and goes on to say that other pickets, in uniform or in plain clothes, were daring enough to arrest and beat servants employed by foreigners, and march them ignominiously through the British Concession, in defiance of the police.

VIOLENCE THREATENED.

We heard of comrades being captured and made to pay ransom, and others being afraid to go out because of threatened violence. To be taken to the Chinese city for treatment by the loud-voiced defenders of freedom and equality did not seem at all alluring to Chinese who could avoid it. Not much confidence was placed by the Chinese in the platitudes about fair trial and just treatment which foreigners are asked to believe would flourish everywhere if only extraterritoriality were abolished.

A long procession of a thousand men was seen passing along the whole Bund of the British Concession, carrying flags, poles and sticks, shouting the usual denunciation of "Imperialism" and of foreigners in general, whilst a contingent of armed Chinese soldiers was seen to land in the Concession and defiantly march along the Bund, apparently just for the joy of asserting themselves as masters of the situation.

TO FORCE AN ISSUE.

There can be little doubt (says the writer) that extremists are trying to force an issue, and to claim by violence of one kind or another, the yielding of foreign Concessions to those who think they have sufficient power to enforce their claim. Hankow is the test case, and a great deal depends on the outcome of these lawless attempts. If the foreign Powers fail to maintain their position until it is legally changed, and are bullied out of the situation which China herself has hitherto regarded as wise and mutually advantageous, then disaster threatens both China and the nationals of the Powers concerned.

The situation at Hankow appeared to us to be approaching what one has heard of about Russia. Whatever name may be given to it, we have here a state of lawlessness and tyranny entirely incompatible with the spirit of reform and progress associated with this age. If China tolerates such oppression of her own citizens, and of guests within her borders, we fall to see how she can justify her claim to a seat in the League of Nations, or to be treated as an equal by nations acknowledging International Law. Workmen and servants are compelled to join Unions, or are severely dealt with if they do not. No freedom of the individual is recognised.

RED RUIN?

Unreasonable demands are made from employers, some of which it is impossible to meet without ruin. Threats are made to refuse to allow any servants to work, to boycott completely as regards food and necessities; to cut off water and light, and to make life impossible for foreigners. Thousands of steady working Chinese are to be denied a livelihood and many reduced to starvation. In the hope that the Unions will gain power, and at the same time gratify their spite against foreigners. Apparently certain agitators would rather see all go down in ruin together than deny themselves this selfish (Continued On Page 12.)

AMERICAN WAR DEBT POLICY.

NO INCLINATION TO VARY AGREEMENTS.

NON-CANCELLATION VIEW.

Washington, Dec. 9.

The outstanding feature of the report of Mr. Mellon, the Secretary of the Treasury, is the impression it gives of the United States' reluctance at present to reconsider any of the war debt settlements. It states that 97 per cent. of the total of the obligations held by the United States have been covered by the settlements and that "a fair trial can be had not in theory but in practice." The existence of the Foreign Debt Commission terminates on February 9, 1927, as the Commission has practically completed its work.

The report adds that no debtor nation will deny that the payments arranged for the earlier years of the 62 year period are well within its capacity, while in the eight years since the Armistice, the American debt has meant practically nothing to continental Europe, since the settlements (England's excepted) have been only recently completed. Mr. Mellon emphasises that the United States' Government has maintained a consistent policy against cancellation, and he quotes statements by the late President Wilson to show there was no thought of cancellation.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MARCONI'S MARRIAGE.

ANNULMENT PROCEEDINGS IN PRIVATE.

Rome, Dec. 9.

At the request of the interested parties, the Sacred Rota has decided that all proceedings in the application for the annulment of Signor Marconi's marriage shall be conducted in secrecy in order to avoid unpleasant discussion.—*Reuter.*

[A message of November 24th stated] It is learned that the Sacred Rota is examining the case for the annulment of the marriage of Cdr. Marconi and his wife whose maiden name was Beatrice O'Brien. The alleged nullity consists of a condition said to have been agreed to by which they could separate whenever they wished. According to the canon laws, the Catholic Church considers marriage indissoluble and such a condition nullifies the marriage. A Diocesan Court at Westminster has already annulled the marriage.]

WIRELESS TRIUMPH.

A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AGO.

Rugby, Dec. 9.

Next Sunday will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wireless experiments conducted by Senator Marconi which resulted in the transmission and reception, for the first time of wireless signals between the Old and New Worlds. It was on December 12th, 1901, at St. John's, Newfoundland, that Marconi successfully received signals from Poldhu, in Cornwall. The occasion is taken by writers in the press to pay tribute to this achievement, as having marked the beginning of a wonderful era of wireless communication.—*British Wireless.*

NIGHT DRIVING.

BILL TO DECREASE ACCIDENTS.

Rugby, Dec. 9.

As a preventive against night driving accidents a new Road Vehicles Bill has been introduced into Parliament. It provides for the compulsory use of four front lights on automobiles and limits the range of their beam.—*British Wireless.*

FOOCHOW DELAY.

SOUTHERN TROOPS HOLD BACK.

NOMINAL OCCUPATION.

A Chinese news agency reports that although the city of Foochow has capitulated and the Nationalist revolutionary flag is flying everywhere in the city, the Nationalist troops still delay entering and taking complete possession. General Li Sung-chun is still in command of the city, prearranging peace and order in co-operation with the Navy, while the troops of the Nationalists are encamped on the outskirts, most of them having bivouacked some distance away at important strategic points of approach.

LIKE NANCHANG.

It is reported that there are two causes for the delay in taking possession of Foochow. Firstly, the capitulation of Foochow was on somewhat similar lines to that of Nanchang. Through the instrumentality of a body of students, the troops of General Li Sung-chun revolted and forced their commander to hoist the Nationalist revolutionary flag on the city walls and over all Government offices. This step was evidently a little premature, as the Nationalists were still advancing on Foochow in three directions, with General Chang Yi volunteering to make an attack on Foochow, as bona fide evidence of his submission to the Nationalists.

A RUSE?

The vanguards of General Chang Yi later came into conflict with the marines and were defeated, some of them being disarmed. Whether this conflict was through misunderstanding, or whether it was a ruse on the part of General Chang Yi to capture Foochow and try to hold it until the promised reinforcements from Marshal Sun Chuan-fang had arrived, or whether even the capitulation was also a ruse, time will tell. At any rate, General Ho Ying-kun has taken steps to prevent a repetition of what happened at Nanchang.

NOW ISOLATED.

In the second place, General Ho Ying-kun had to carry out urgent orders to hasten up a portion of his armies in order to co-operate with the Nationalist forces who are now operating in the western part of Chekiang. Hence the delay in taking possession of Foochow, which is completely isolated by land and which may be taken by the Nationalists at any time, provided the Navy is loyal to its promised neutrality.

APLICHAU FIRE.

FOUR HOUSES DESTROYED.

A disastrous fire which occurred at 10.30 last night, destroyed four one-storeyed dwelling houses on the island of Aplichau, opposite Aberdeen village.

Originating at No. 8 house, it quickly spread to the adjoining houses, until Nos. 1, 2 and 6 were brought into the general ruin. The fire was well under way when the Brigade arrived from Hongkong and all the four buildings were completely destroyed.

FROM THE BENCH.

MAGISTRATE'S HOMILIES.

At the Police Court to-day, Mr. Lindsell remarked to a Chinese who pleaded that he was ignorant in a case of cruelty to pigs:—"Pigs can feel as well as you." The defendant was fined \$10. "You will only be cutting each other's throats," his Worship replied as he refused an application for a licence from a defendant hawk. "There is too much cigarette selling already."

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THE LAST BOAT.

NEW EVIDENCE IN THE SUNNING CASE.

That one of the Sunning's boats was deliberately fired by men who went inside with tins, and came out to be followed by smoke and flames was the entirely new evidence given in the case against the twenty men charged with piracy at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Describing the incidents when he left the Sunning in a ship's boat, Mr. Hurst said they saw another boat containing a number of men. He fired a few shots in the air, as the ammunition he had was too small for the revolver, just to frighten them.

Mr. Holmes:—If Mr. Lapsley had been in No. 6 boat do you think he could have hailed you?—No. The wind was high and I don't think it would have been possible for him to let us know he was there.

Pirate Casualties.

Cross examined by Mr. Leo D'Almeida, Mr. Hurst said he thought there were between 30 and 35 pirates on board altogether. No. 1 pirate had said there were 25.

Mr. Lindsell: Can you say how many of these men were killed on board?—Probably ten or eleven were killed on board. Five or six were shot on the outer side of the vessel and fell overboard.

Questioned by Mr. Leo, witness said No. 1 pirate told them that they had spent \$5,000 in laying their plans and that some of them had travelled on the boat four times.

Have you any doubt that the men who were shot were pirates?—I am quite sure they were.

While in No. 2 boat you saw No. 6. You fired in the air. Would you have shot at the boat if you could? Yes, if I had had a chance.

Because you thought those in the boat were pirates?—Yes, I saw them fire before they went into the boat. There were eight to twelve of them.

Second Engineer's Story.

The next witness was Mr. W. Orr, the Second Engineer who said that he was held up by three men as he stepped from his cabin in the afternoon. "One was armed with a water bottle. He is No. 7."

"He hit me over the back of the neck with the bottle, sending me down on my knees and nearly knocking me out. I think the men must have climbed the grilles to get to my cabin."

Witness went on to describe the subsequent events on board, his story closely following that given by previous witnesses. Dealing with the boats which left the ship in the early hours of the morning he said the burning of one boat was not due to the fire which started on the saloon level.

"I saw ten or fifteen men engaged on the aft lifeboat. They took off part of the covers and went in the boat carrying tins of stuff. The end parts of the covers were then taken off and the men got out again. Smoke, followed by flames, then appeared from both ends of the boat."

Men In Hospital.

During the afternoon proceedings, Mr. Holmes, who prosecutes, explained the position, with regard to two men who are still in hospital. He said that one was probably able to attend Court now but the other would not be fit for some time. He had come to the conclusion that as there might be two more men to face charges there was no point in introducing just another defendant now.

Mr. Lindsell: Suppose, as I understand is very likely, that this man should die. Shall you ask for a separate hearing against the other?

Mr. Holmes: I am afraid there will have to be. With only one man, however, the case would be simplified considerably and I should concentrate solely on that man.

Further evidence against the twenty defendants will be taken to-day.

DISARMAMENT.

PREPARATORY WORK BY LEAGUE.

Rugby, Dec. 9.
When general international disarmament was discussed by the League Council last night, Sir Austen Chamberlain emphasised the great interest taken by Britain in the work of the Preparatory Commission on Disarmament and the British desire, of which proof had already been given, to lighten the burden of armaments. He appealed to the public not to display impatience at the delay in calling a world conference.

The most important point was that when the Conference did meet it should be successful, and careful preparatory work was therefore essential.

German Arms.

An interview between Sir Austen Chamberlain and Herr Schubert, representing Dr. Stresemann who is unwell, was the only conversation on German disarmament held by the statesmen at Geneva yesterday.

Progress is reported in the discussions between the British, French and German jurists on the reservations which Germany had made regarding the League investigation scheme. Meanwhile, statements are awaiting the latest information on outstanding points in the disarmament issue, which they have requested from Paris and Berlin, and on the proceedings at to-day's meeting in Paris of the Ambassadors Conference.

British Wireless.

Geneva, Dec. 9.
The League Council has adopted a report submitted by M. Benes, the rapporteur, dealing with arbitration, security and the reduction of armaments. It passed a resolution recommending that member States conclude agreements tending to establish confidence and security, whenever circumstances were favourable. The Council requested a preparatory committee to fix a date for a draft agenda of the Disarmament Conference.—Reuter.

OBITUARY.

THE C. N. C. WIRELESS SUPERINTENDENT.

We regret to announce the death yesterday at the Peak Hospital at the early age of 33 years, of Mr. John Bernard Moore, Wireless Superintendent of the China Navigation Company.

Mr. Moore went to the hospital on the 22nd November and two days later was operated on for an internal complaint. On the 8th inst. a second operation was found to be imperative and although he survived this, he failed to rally and passed away at 11.20 yesterday morning. The end came peacefully.

The late Mr. Moore was of a quiet and studious disposition and was greatly respected and esteemed by all who knew him, and sincere sympathy is extended to his only relative, a widowed sister residing at Hornsea, Yorkshire.

Mr. Moore was born at Hull. He was for nine years employed by Messrs. Siemens Bros. as a wireless operator and served during that time on various of the Cunard, Glen and other lines. He came out to the East under agreement to the China Navigation Co., Ltd. to inaugurate a school at Hongkong to train Chinese wireless operators. After one year and 9 months of this work, he was appointed Wireless Superintendent in charge of installations on board the C. N. C. fleet and to supervise personnel of the department ashore and afloat.

The funeral will pass the Monument at Happy Valley at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

JUNK PIRACY.

CREW HELD PRISONERS FOR A MONTH.

Details of the piracy and looting of a junk, which has been missing for more than a month, were revealed yesterday when the steersman of the vessel returned to Hongkong and made a report to the Police. He states that a number of his fellows are being held for ransom in the Heungshan district somewhere near Pak Tang Island.

The steersman, Wong Sam, states that he is the second steersman of the junk 3102 T.H., which left Cheung Chau for Pak Sui on November 7, with a cargo consisting of 1,000 piculs of salt, the crew of the junk being eight males, one female and two children.

At noon the following day, November 8, when the junk was off Pak Tang Island, (Chinese waters), a sampan with 13 men approached and when within 20 yards opened fire with hand weapons, at the same time ordering the junk to lower her sails.

When this order was complied with, the sampan came alongside and nine men armed with rifles and revolvers boarded. These forced the entire crew into the after cabin.

About one hour later they were released and told to get the vessel under way for Tsin Fong Kok, a point about two hours sail away, but owing to there being no wind, this place was not reached until midnight. There the anchor was dropped and the crew immediately put to work discharging the cargo, this finished at noon on November 9.

The crew were then again herded into the after compartment at the point of the revolver, where they remained under guard until December 6.

On this day, the master, the first steersman, one boatman, the female cook and two children were taken ashore and those remaining on board were told that these were to be held for ransom. Orders were then given for the boat to make the best of her way to Hongkong and return with the money as soon as possible. The junk arrived here at 6 p.m. on December 8.

Wong Sam states that the entire armory of the junk, valued at \$500 was taken, together with the cargo of salt and a quantity of clothing, the total being assessed at \$1,500.

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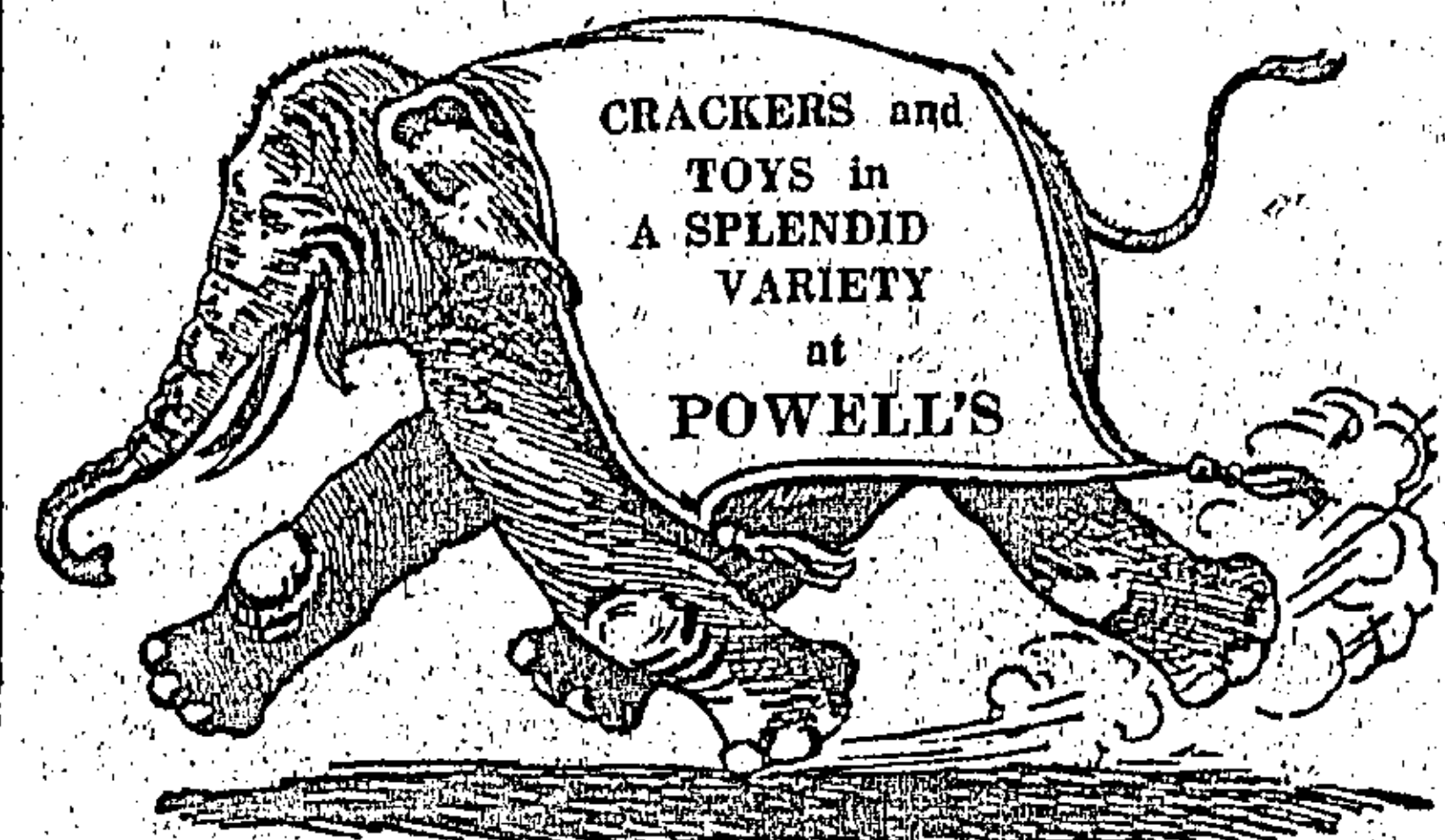
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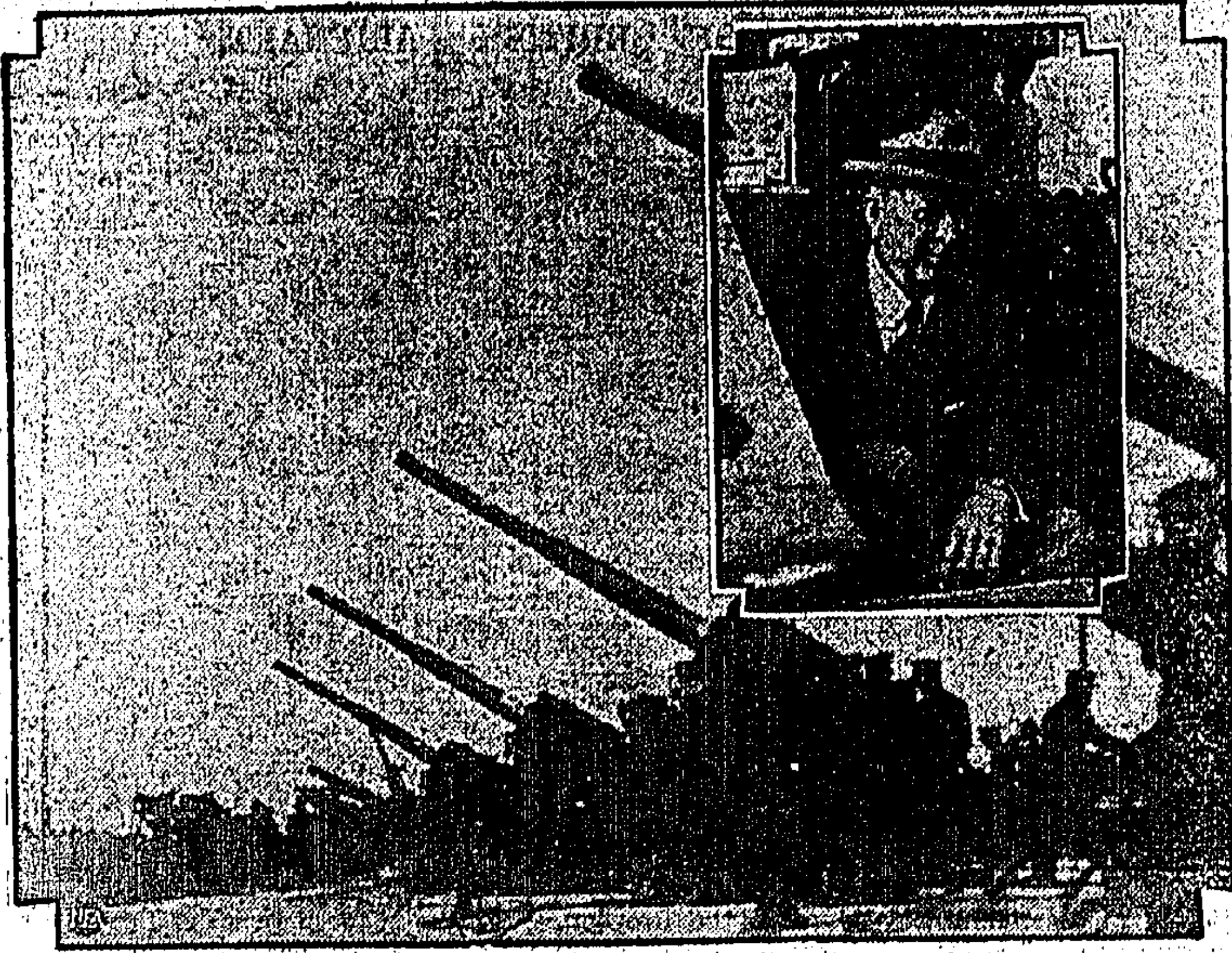
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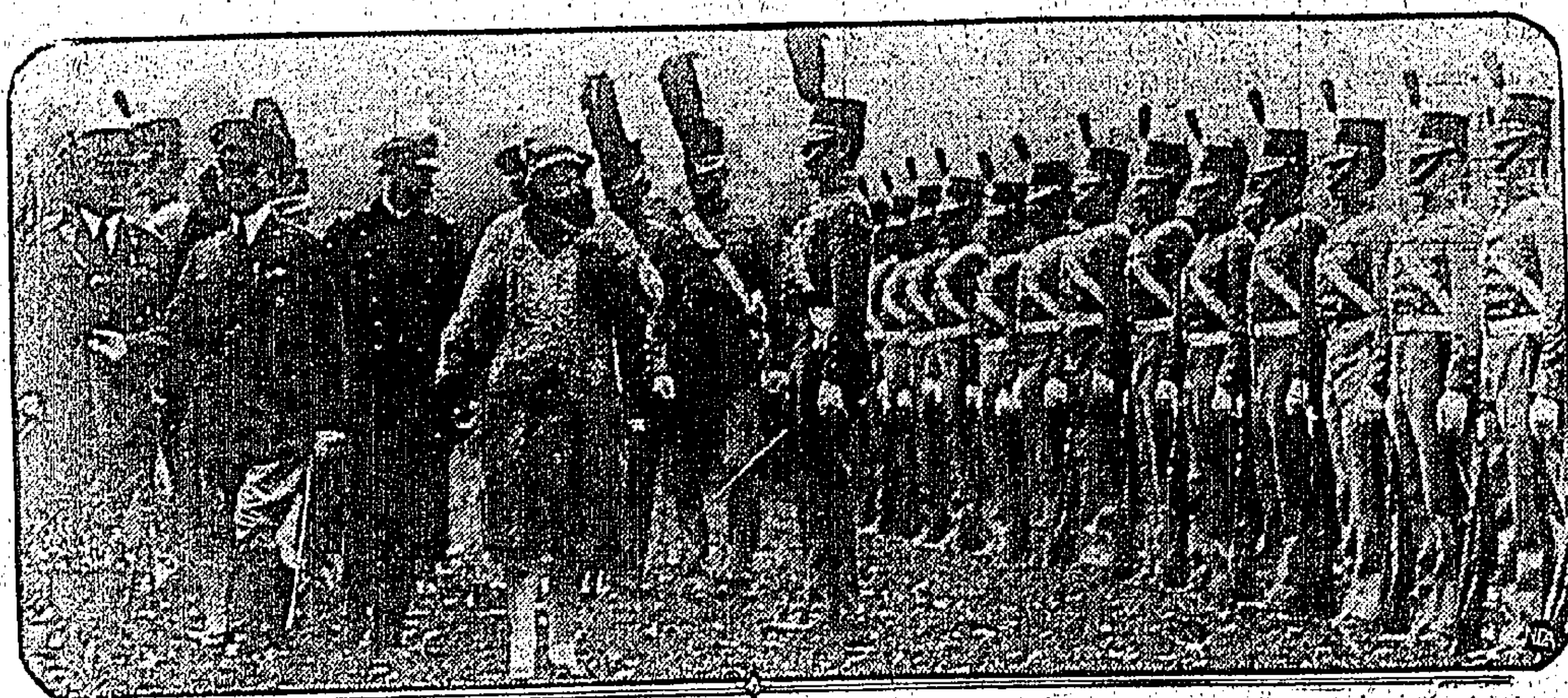
ARTILLERY DEMONSTRATION.—Latest developments in fighting equipment for the U. S. Army were demonstrated recently at the annual meeting of the Army Ordnance Association at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. A battery of 47-M.M. anti-aircraft rifles is shown at practice. In the inset, Mr. D. F. Davis, secretary of war, watches the artillery demonstration from the shelter of one of the mammoth tanks.



AN HISTORIC PAILOU.—A beautiful picture of the historic Pailou close to the shores of the West Lake, Hangchow.



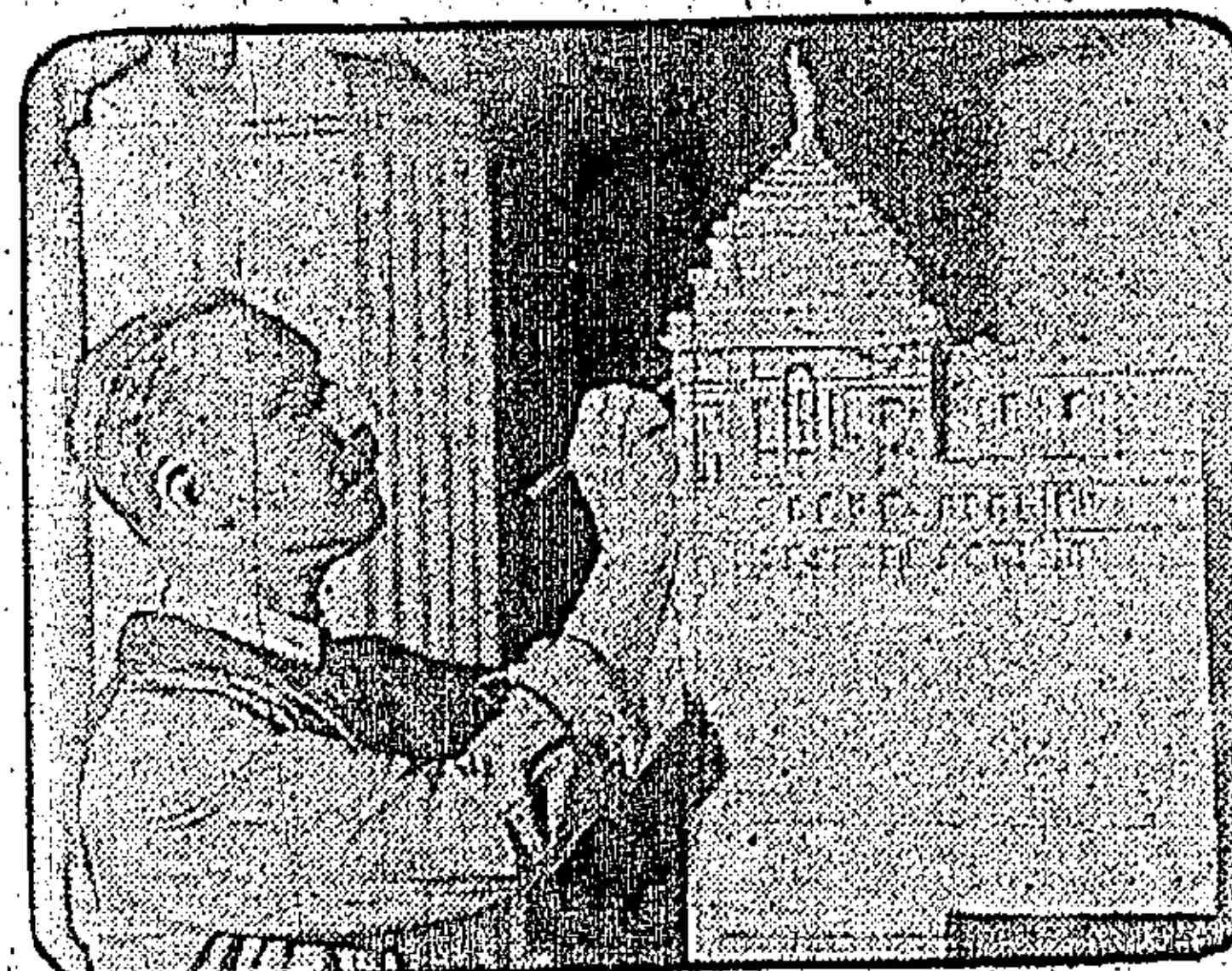
CHAMPIONS WINNER.—Rosebery, Mr. Toog's chestnut, ridden by Mr. W. G. Crockam, who beat Warrenfield recently in the Cross-breds' Champions race at Shanghai.



QUEEN MARIE REVIEWS CADETS.—America's crack cadet corps at the U. S. Military Academy, in full dress uniform and perfect rank and file, saluted Queen Marie during her visit to West Point. With his right hand extended is Brigadier-General M. B. Stewart, superintendent of the academy. Between him and the Queen is Prince Nicholas.



ENGLISH BEAUTY COMPETITORS.—From nearly 5,000 pretty girls who gathered in London for the national beauty contest, these four survived the first elimination. Left to right, they are: Stella Pierres, Peggy Lamont, Mollie Hamilton, and Rose de Corvett. The prettiest of them all compete against an American and a French girl in the International Beauty Contest to be held in the United States.



MINIATURE MODEL.—Alfred C. Bossom, New York architect, making a model of the Liberty Bank building at Buffalo. The design is taken from the Temple of Jaguars, Yucatan, Mexico.



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ENGLISH TEAM WIN RIFLE SHOOT.—B. E. Caulton, V. Sharman, and F. E. Hodges made up the English team in the International Rifle Match, first off at the Range at Shanghai recently. England won for the third time in succession. V. Sharman, standing in the middle, tied for high gun with a score of 99, but lost on the count out.

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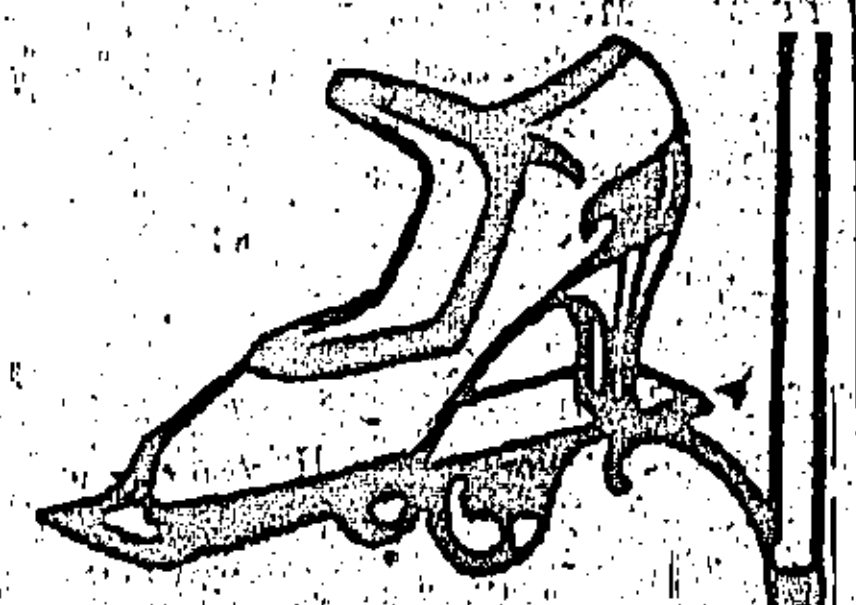
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NOTICE.

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CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

Acting under instructions from the Inspector General of Customs, I have this day taken over charge of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District from Mr. W. O. Law, Deputy Commissioner in charge, ad interim.

F. HAYLEY BELL,
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Office of Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District, York Buildings,

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 14th December, 1926, until Thursday, 23rd December, 1926, both days inclusive.

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

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Chartered, Bank, \$21 s.
Mercantile A. & B., \$301 s.
Mercantile C., \$13 s.
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East Asia, \$84 s.
Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$640 b.
China Underwriters, \$1.45 s.
North China, \$145 s.
Union Ins., 293 s.
Yankee Ins., \$45 s.

Fire Ins.
China Fire, \$200 b.
Hongkong Fire, \$15 b.
Shipping
Douglases, \$281 s.
Steamboats, \$27 s.
Tugs, \$12 b.

Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$32 b.
Shall Trans., 90 s.
Star Ferries, \$50 s.
Waterboats, \$15 b.

Refineries.
China Sugars, \$25 s.
Malabons, \$36 s.
Mining.
Bonguets, \$150 n.

Kailans, 38/- n.
Langkats, \$12 s.
Shai Exploration, \$14.50 n.
Shanghai Loans, \$12.00 b.
Raubs, \$4 s.
Tronohs, \$8/- n.
Ural Caspian, 8/- n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$115 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$50 s.
Hongkongs, \$175 n.
New Engineering, \$16.60 b.
Shanghai Docks, \$117 s.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$9.50 s.
H.K. Lands, \$59 s.
Realty, \$6.15 b.
Territorials, \$3 s.
Humphreys, \$15 s.
Princes Bldgs, \$39 n.
Rural Lands, \$14 n.

Cottons.
Ewos Cottons, \$15. 91 s.
Orientals, \$13 s.
Shai Cottons, \$14 s.

Buses, Trams.
China Buses, \$9 s.
Tramways, \$23 s.
Peak Trams, \$15 s.
S'pore Traction, \$15 s.
Taxis, \$2 s.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$16 b.
Canton Ice, \$5 n.
Cements (Comb.), \$11 s.
China Lights, \$17 s.
China Prov., \$5.25 b.

Constructions, \$1.75 b.
Dairy Farms, \$18 s.
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.
H'kong Electric, \$57 b.
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Lane Crawfords, \$8 n.
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United Asbestos, \$20 s.
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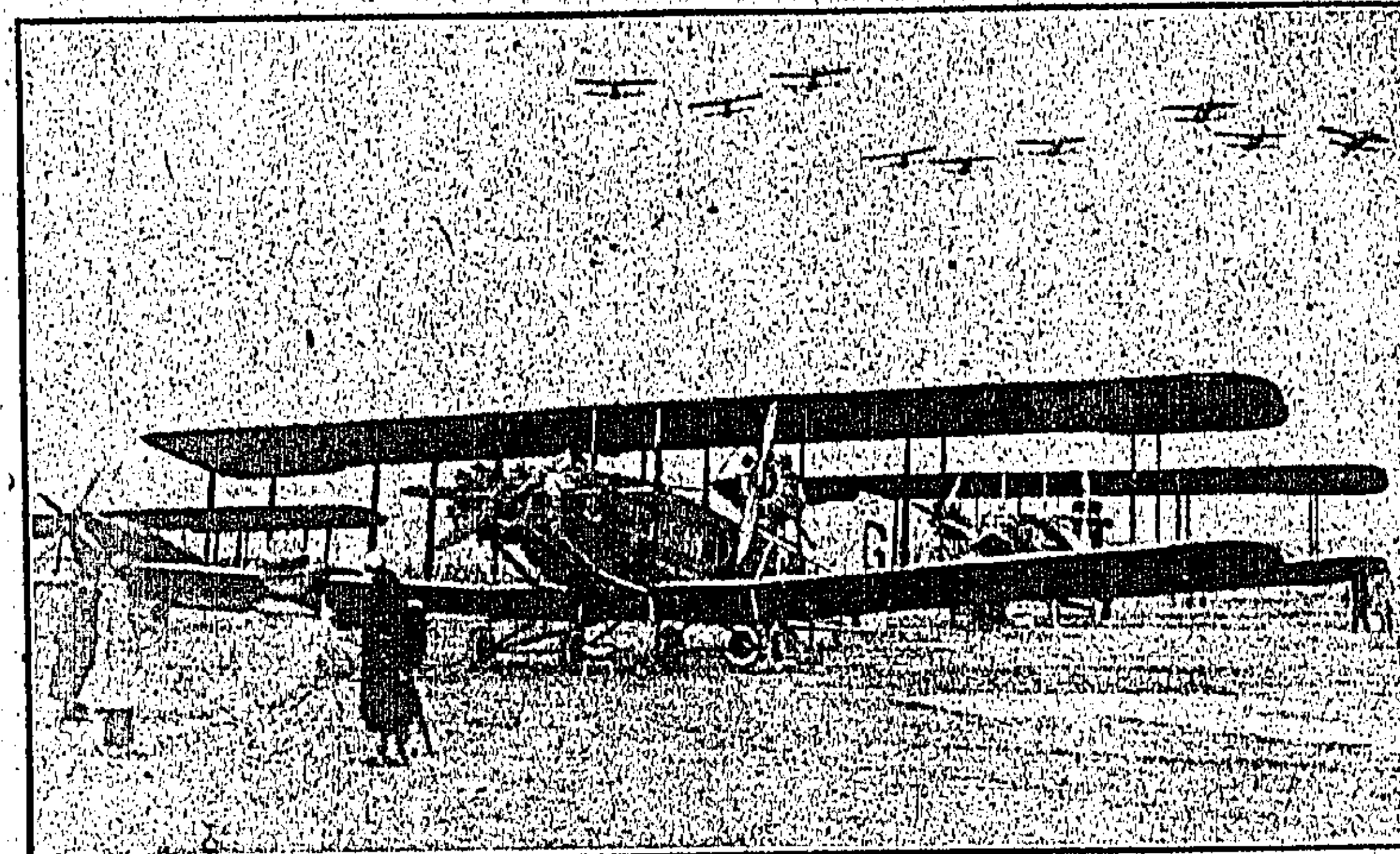
THE ADVENTURE OF THE FOAM.

New York.—Thirteen American sailors—twelve members of the crew and the captain of the Foam, a New York boat—have just returned from South America to tell a Conradian tale of how they were "shanghaied" into a gun-running expedition by Nicaraguan rebels.

Their vessel left New York at the end of July, bound for California via the Panama Canal. However, after stopping for repairs at some port, the ship sailed for Porto Mexico, near Vera Cruz, where the dirty work began. Twenty Mexicans began to load up the ship with boxes of ammunition. Several of the crew protested to the captain, but he had apparently been bribed, for he would not hear of them leaving the ship. Later on, Nicaraguan rebels boarded the boat, donned their uniforms, and swaggered about the deck, making the crew work at the point of the pistol. They unpacked the ammunition—rifles, machine guns, and a 37-millimetre gun which was mounted on the forecastle.

Thus, for two months, the protesting, sullen crew were forced to work while the ship was used in the revolutionary game. Small towns were shelled, soldiers were transported from place to place, until, luckily for the crew, the ship ran aground. The Nicaraguans deserted it; the crew were forced to subsist for sixteen days on canned food and coffee, until they were eventually taken off by an American cruiser.

BIG DISPLAY OF BRITISH AIRCRAFT.



The recent aerial display given at the Croydon aerodrome in the presence of Dominion Premiers was a revelation of the developments in aircraft and the possibilities of aeroplanes as Empire links. Thirty different types were seen, of which some are shown above.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

LATEST CORPS ORDERS.

Volunteer Defence Corps Orders, issued by Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., state:

ANNUAL CAMP.

The Engineer and Scottish Companies will go to camp at Fanling on Friday, December 10th, 1926.

Attendance in camp is a condition for efficiency. All members requested to make an effort to parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 10th, to catch the 5.29 p.m. train.

Dress for Engineer and Scottish Companies.

Marching order, i.e., helmets, rifles, bayonets, belts, sidearms, pouches, braces, haversacks, water-bottles, great coats, tunics, shorts, putties and boots.

Scottish Company: Glengarricks to be worn from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. Shorts will be worn on all drills whilst in camp. Arms: Must be drawn from Corps' Headquarters on Friday, December 10th, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

ARTILLERY COMPANY.

City and Taikeo Sections will parade at Volunteer Headquarters on Tuesday, December 14th, 1926, at 5.30 p.m. for Gun Drill and Signalling Instruction. Dress: Muff. Transport for Taikeo Section will be at Taikeo Dock, East Gate, at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14th, 1926.

Tai Lam Camp: The Artillery Company will go into camp at Tai Lam for the two week-end, January 8th and 9th and 15th-16th, 1927. All members will be expected to attend under the new efficiency regulations, and they should also make a point of attending as many weekly parades as possible before camp.

Further particulars as to camp arrangements will be issued.

ENGINEER COMPANY.

D.E.L. Section will parade at Belcher's Fort at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, December 16th, 1926, for D.E.L. Instructional Run. Dress: Muff.

Field Sections will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15th, for Field Exercises. Dress: Muff.

Signal Section will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on the following dates:—

Monday, December 13th: Signal Office. Routine and disposal of messages.

Thursday, December 16th: Setting up stations. Dress: Muff.

MOUNTED INFANTRY AND ARMOURD CAR COMPANIES.

Parade at Volunteer Headquarters on Monday, December 13th.

At 5.30 p.m. Lecture by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., on "Map Reading." 6.00 p.m. Spoon Competition in Miniature Range at Corps' Headquarters.

ARMOURD CAR COMPANY.

Signalling Class will be held at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14th, 1926.

Dismounted Machine Gunners: Starting on Monday, December 13th, special classes will be held at Volunteer Headquarters in night firing and indirect fire.

INFANTRY COMPANY.

Nos. 1 and 2 Platoon will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14th, 1926.

Rifle Sections: Fire Control and Indication of Targets.

Lewis Gun Sections: Mechanism and Stoppages, under Lieut.-Colonel S.J. Jarvis, M.C.

On Tuesday, December 21st, 1926, at 5.30 p.m., at Volunteer Headquarters, all N.O.C.s of the Company, Class, and all those detailed for Musketry Class by their Platoon Commanders, under Sergt. Barham at the Miniature Range. There will also be a Lewis Gun Class under Lieut.-Sergt. Jarvis, M.C., at Volunteer Headquarters.

There will be no parade on December 28th.

Annual Camp:—The Infantry Company will attend camp during the week-end, December 17th to 19th, 1926.

Attendance in camp is a condition for efficiency.

It is hoped that members will be able to get out by the evening trains on Friday, December 17th; for Saturday to count as a full day's training, members must arrive before 8 a.m. on Saturday, December 18th, 1926.

O.C. Infantry Company will report to Corps Headquarters before 9 a.m. on Wednesday, December 15th, the number of members attending camp, so that rations can be arranged.

Time Table for Training:—From Kowloon to Fanling:—Friday evening:—5.29 p.m. and 7.21 p.m. Saturday evening:—6.40 a.m. From Fanling to Kowloon: Sunday evening:—6.20 p.m.

Railway Warrants:—Arrangements are being made with the Railway Company to issue second class return tickets to Fanling for other ranks.

The Senior N.C.O. or men present will be responsible for the names ticked off on the list, at the Booking Office as the tickets are issued.

Baggage:—Members wishing to have their baggage sent to the camp at Fanling must deliver it, clearly labelled with the owners' names at Corps Headquarters by 2.30 p.m. on Friday, December 17th.

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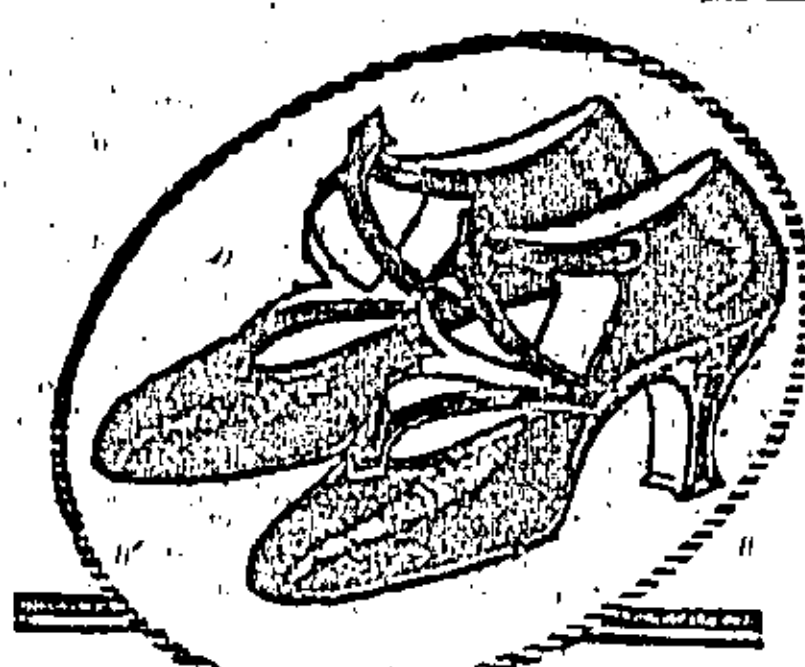
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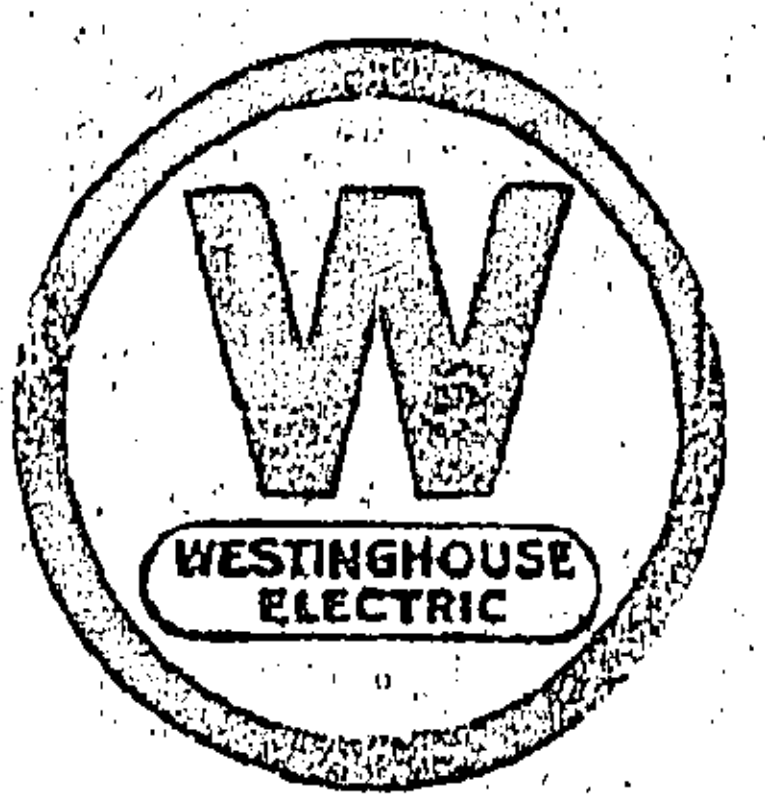
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A very pretty wedding took
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at Shanghai last Saturday after-
noon when Miss Aileen Doris
Noble, daughter of Mrs. C. C.
Newson of Shanghai and the late
Mr. William Noble of Bristol,
was wedded to Mr. Montague
Eric Columbine, son of Mr. and
Mrs. B. F. Columbine of Bedford.
The Rev. A. C. St. Trivett,
M.A., sub-dean, officiated and the
civil ceremony was performed at
the Consulate-General by Mr.
E. G. Jamieson C.B.E., H.M.
Consul.

The bride was given away by
her step-father, and she was
attended by Misses P. I. Newson
and M. E. Millard (bridesmaids)
and Miss Joan and Master Colin
Morrison as train-bearers. Mr.
A. M. Bourne performed the
duties of best man, and Messrs.
J. C. Stewart, A. J. W. Evans
and L. W. King acted as ushers.

The newly wedded pair are well-
known in Shanghai, the groom
especially being an active member
of the community. He was
educated at Bedford School.
From 1914 to 1918, he served in
the Royal Engineers in Gallipoli,
Egypt and Palestine and was
mentioned in despatches. Since
going to Shanghai, he has taken
part in numerous activities, being
a member of the Volunteers, a
swimmer, rower, a hockey en-
thusiast and a well-known rifle
shot. He is attached to the staff
of the Chartered Bank of India,
Australasia and China.

THE CHINA STATION.

LATEST APPOINTMENT AND
PROMOTIONS.

The following appointments
were made by the Admiralty on
Nov. 6:—Engr. Capt. W. H. Mit-
chell to Tamar, add. (Dec. 14),
and as chief engineer, Hongkong,
(on joining); Paymaster-Com-
mander G. H. Thomson, O.B.E.,
to Beed, add. (Jan. 14, 1927), and
as Resident Naval Officer, Shang-
hai, (from date of joining).

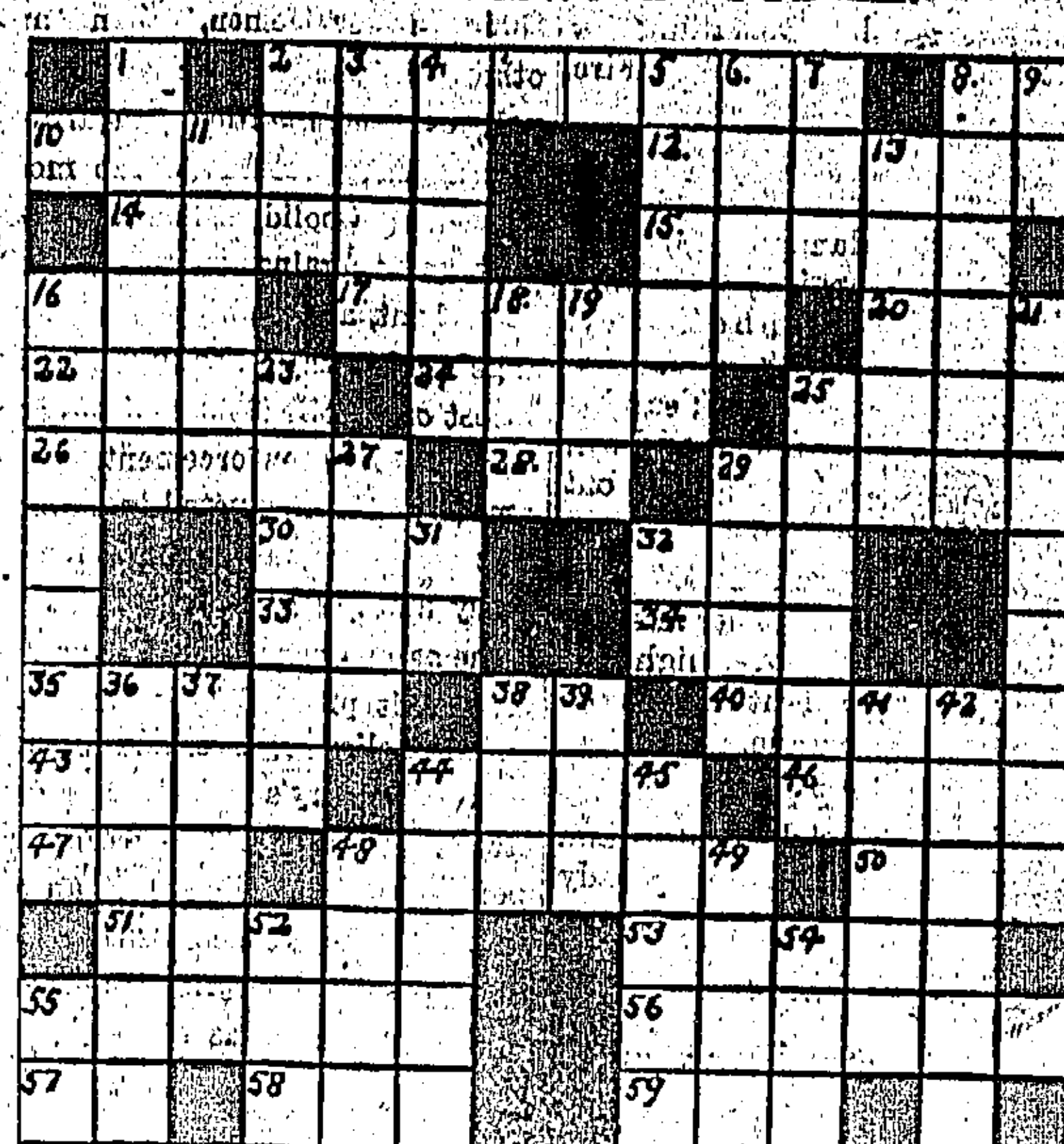
The following appointment was
made by the Admiralty on Nov.
8:—Capt. W. N. Custance, to
Yarmouth, in command (Nov. 20).

The selection is announced of
Paymaster-Commander G. H.
Thomson, O.B.E., lately studying
at the secretaries' course at Ports-
mouth, to be resident naval officer
at Shanghai, in succession to
Paymaster-Commander J. M. L.
Cusack, who will complete two
years on Jan. 15. Paymaster-
Commander Thomson's last post
was in accountant charge on board
the aircraft-carrier Eagle. He
was connected with naval aircraft
units during the war, and at one
time was secretary to Rear-
Admiral C. L. Vaughan-Lee,
Director of Air Services at the
Admiralty. In 1919 he was ap-
pointed for personnel staff duties
at the headquarters of the coastal
area of the Royal Air Force, with
the rank of wing-commander.

THE "UNEQUAL"
TREATIES.CHINESE MINISTER ON THEIR
TERMINATION.

Washington, Dec. 9.
Addressing a conference on the
cause and cure of war, the Chinese
Minister urged that the United
States act independently, in ter-
minating the unequal extrater-
ritorial treaties in China, and
added that if the Powers did not
terminate those treaties, China
would, for they imposed too great
a burden for the successful
operation of the Government.—
Reuter's American Service.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

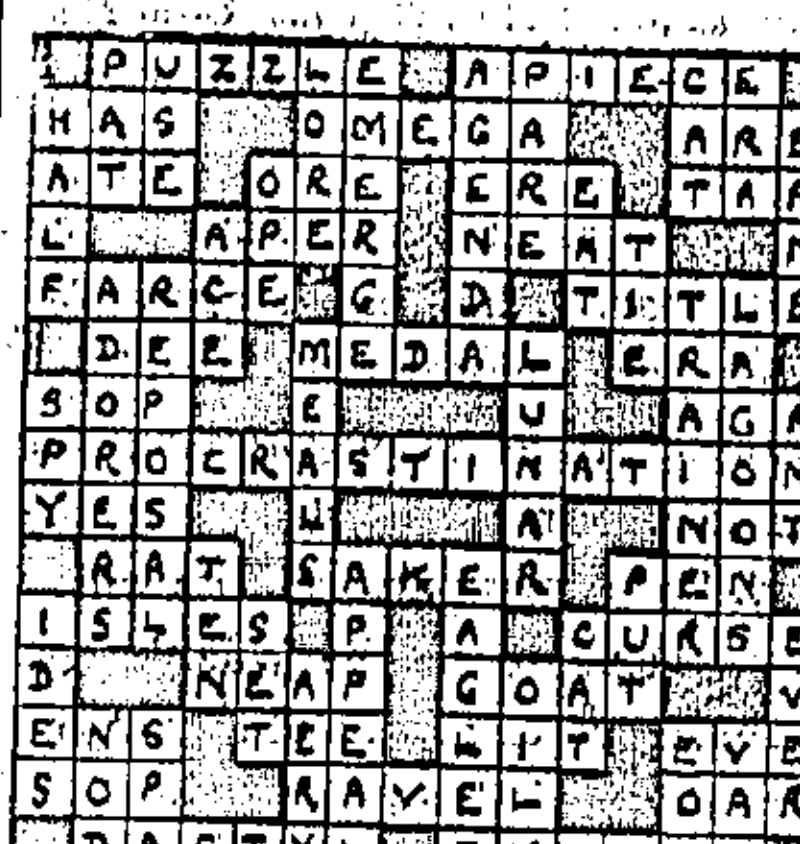


Across
2 Salt of stearic acid
8 Seventh note of scale.
10 Race
12 Large pieces of linen
14 Incite to an evil act
15 Genus of fish
16 Drink by small quantities
17 Something concealed
20 Flying mammal
22 Perennial plant
24 Origin
25 To measure
26 Relief party
28 Happen
29 Analyse
30 Ocean
32 First growth of a flower
33 Mute brown
34 Age
35 Prevent
38 Direction of the wind
40 An ant
42 Resting place of a wild beast
44 A round body
46 A fibre
47 An oval body covered with a
shell
48 Passing into the sun's light
50 Nothing
51 An acid fruit
53 To interweave
55 A forerunner
59 Speech from a pulpit
67 Like
68 Denotes consent
69 A new

Down
1 Array
2 A boy's name
3 Small donations of money
4 Come in
5 Personal property
6 Object indicated
7 A fish
8 Ermine (plur)

Exists
11 Repulse
13 Glowing piece of wood
16 Sit astride of
18 Roundish lump
19 Part of a fish
21 Pertaining to total abstinence
23 Christian festival
25 My lady's
27 A twelvemonth
29 Stainless
31 One
32 To have existence
33 Birds of prey
37 One of the cat family
38 Prefix meaning salt
39 A prophet
41 A single drop
42 Journalist
44 Curves
45 Failing in duty
46 A cavity
49 Indication of the pitch in music
52 A month
54 Skill
56 Exclamation of triumph

Yesterday's Puzzle.



CREDIT INSURANCE.

EIGHTEEN COUNTRIES IN
CONFERENCE.

London, Dec. 9.
The delegates of eighteen coun-
tries attended the International
Credit Insurance Conference in
London with a view to forming
personal contact with insurance
experts of different countries and
for the purpose of reaching a
uniform system of co-operation
concerning advice in regards to
the soundness of firms; also to
discuss the forms of insurance
which may safely be undertaken.

A resolution was passed mutu-
ally undertaking to offer every fac-
ility for obtaining information re-
garding defaulting debtors resi-
dent in their respective countries.
—Reuter.

INDO-CHINA POLICY.

Paris, Dec. 9.
The Colonial committee of the
Chamber has approved unani-
mously, except by one vote, the policy
of M. Varenne, the Governor of
Indo-China.—Havas.

LARGEST BANK.

NATIONAL CITY BANK OF
NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 9.
The National City Bank will be-
come the largest banking institu-
tion in the world as a result of
the Directors' decision to recom-
mend the increase of the bank's
capital by \$25,000,000 to \$314,000,000. The Midland Bank, Eng-
land, comes next with a capital of
\$313,000,000.—Reuter's American
Service.

NOTED VISITOR.

TANG SHAO-YI IN HONGKONG.

Mr. Tang Shao-yi, a well-known
Chinese leader, arrived in Hong-
kong on Wednesday afternoon by
the s.s. Hsiaoang from Kuala Lum-
pur and is staying in the Great
Eastern Hotel.

Mr. Tang was formerly a prom-
inent figure in Canton affairs
and was associated with Dr. Sun
Yat-sen and Dr. Wu Ting-fang
in the military Government in 1921.

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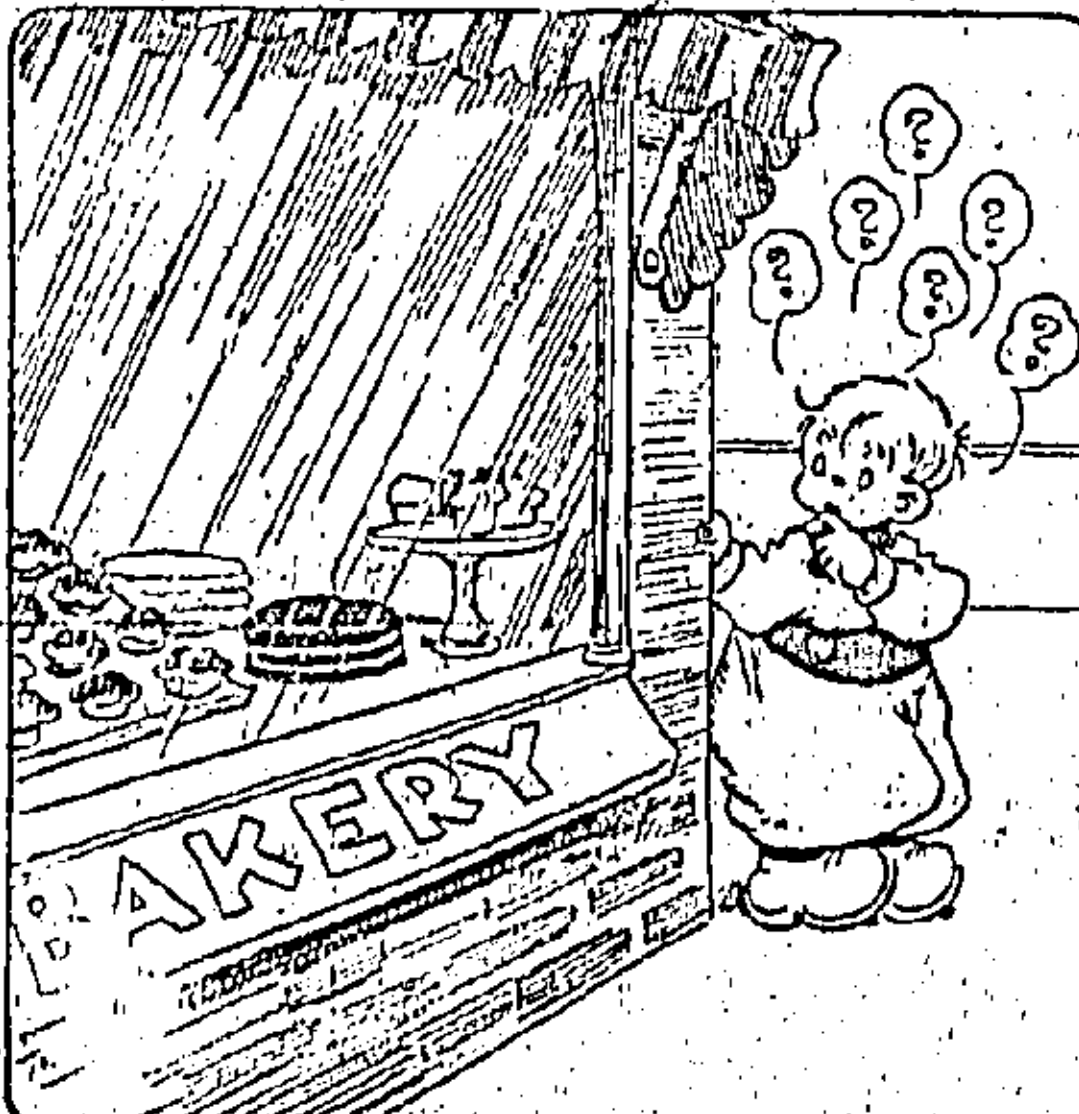
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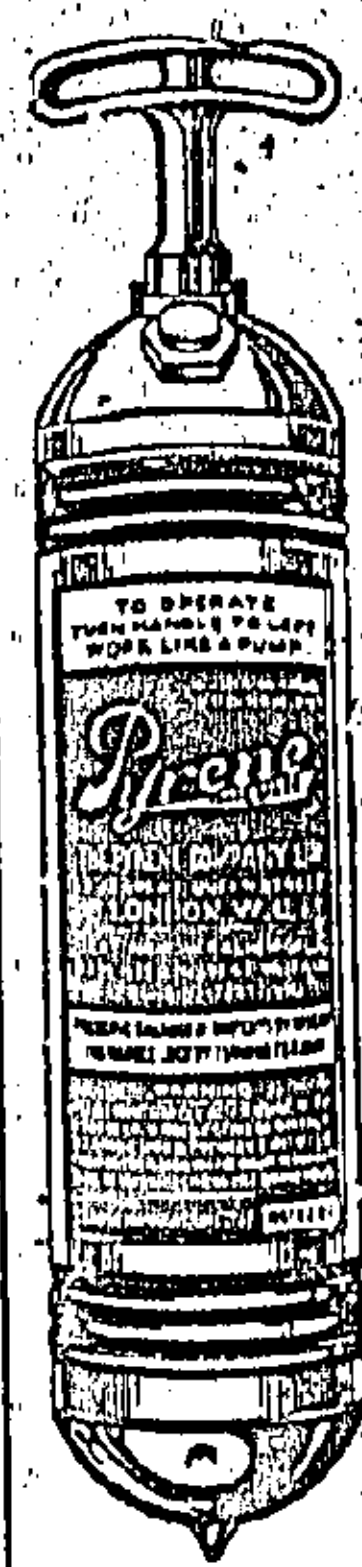
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AMERICA'S GESTURE.

Perhaps the most significant gesture made by America recently in the cause of international disarmament is contained in the Budget which has just been presented to Congress—namely, President Coolidge's request that Congress postpone the construction of the remaining three light cruisers which were to have been started this year. The reason given for this postponement is that the United States is negotiating for an extension and widening of the naval armament agreements which were made at the Washington Conference in 1921, and this is the first time that anything concrete has been put out of America's latter-day plea for further disarmament. The question of international disarmament has loomed up largely during recent months, especially in Europe, where a special Committee appointed by the League of Nations has been holding a preliminary enquiry into the possibilities of the suggestion. America's attitude has been rather hard to define, so hedged about with reservations, have been all her actions at Geneva, but that America is distinctly pacifist in intention and ideal has never for one moment been seriously doubted. The limitation of naval armaments under the Washington Treaty was a great step in the right direction, and it says much for President Coolidge's optimism regarding the future that he should ask for the postponement of construction which was sanctioned after that historic parley. Whether the projected disarmament conference results in a further restriction of naval forces is a matter differing according to viewpoints at the moment, but the latest action of the President of America will be taken as an earnest of that country's real desire to lighten the burden of maintaining costly war machines against possible contingencies.

America's budget as a whole is a very interesting one for, although the fiscal year with which it is concerned does not begin until June next, it is indicative of the growing prosperity of the nation that large increases in the pensions of all "veterans," whether of the Civil War, the Spanish War or the European War, are being provided. Of all countries which were actively concerned in the late war, the United States of America has been able to do more

for its "veterans," as they call all their ex-servicemen, than any other. In fact, there has been political competition regarding which party "could" do the most. President Coolidge has declared that he is against reducing taxes at present, although there are savings under the headings of interest on Public Debt and the cost of prohibition enforcement. The amount of money voted in support of the two fighting arms—the Navy and the Army—is about the same as last year, for the Administration is proceeding on the very sound policy of "avoiding neglect in the country's power to defend itself. There are interesting experiments proceeding with an all-metal airship and in view of possible results emerging from these and changing ideas of aircraft, a halt has been called on the proposed construction of two large rigid airships which Congress had previously authorised. The Budget reflects that America is taking serious thought of to-morrow and that it is prepared to do everything possible to maintain the present peaceful tone of international politics provided other countries are similarly minded.

A Clash Coming?

Following a protracted lull after the reverses suffered by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, it would appear that war operations are soon likely to recommence in Central China. The Fengtien armies, with Marshal Chang Tso-kan at their head, seem to have worked out a plan of campaign by which it is hoped to hold off the "Christian" General from swooping down on Peking whilst the issue is being fought out with the Southerners. The latter have been content for some time to hold the positions gained along the Yangtze and in Kiangsi, and part of the Fengtien plan would appear to be the safeguarding of Nanking, which is situated in the province of which General Chang Kai-shek is a native. It has, indeed, been somewhat surprising that the Nationalist troops have not before now made an endeavour to establish themselves at this point. Whatever the reason, or the halting of the advance may be, it seems clear that the Fengtien armies are now to accept the Southern challenge, and it may well be that the real struggle for supremacy is about to begin. If the Northern scheme represents a serious and determined effort to try conclusions with the Southern invaders, we may expect heavy fighting in the near future, and the future of China may hang in the balance whilst the issue is finally fought out. So far, the Nationalist armies have had matters pretty much their own way, and it will be interesting to see how they shape when battling under severe winter conditions against the Fengtien forces. There are a number of possibilities in the situation, some of great import, and should North and South really come to grips, developments of historic significance may well be the outcome.

EXCHANGE RATES.

Paris	123 3/4
Brussels	123 3/4
Amsterdam	122 1/2
Berlin	20 3/8
Copenhagen	18 1/2
Vienna	34 3/4
Helsingfors	192 50
Lisbon	2 17/32
Buenos Aires	45 31/32
Shanghai	2 1/2
Yokohama	2 0 9/32
New York	25 0 1/2
Geneva	11 1/4
Milan	18 1/4
Stockholm	19 1 1/2
Oslo	183 3/4
Prague	31 3/2
Madrid	5 27/32
Rio	1 5 25/32
Bombay	1 1 1/4
Hongkong	24 1/2
Silver (Spot)	24 13/16
Forward	—

A report was received at the Water Police Station last night from the President Wilson, that during the afternoon, a vest, the property of a passenger, was stolen from a cabin. With the garment there disappeared a gold Elgin watch and rope pattern chain, with a jade pendant attached, valued at \$235, a gold mounted pen and a gold pencil case, which with the vest, brought the total value to \$268.

DAY BY DAY.

WHEN AFFECTION AND KINDLY FEELING ARE REMOVED, ALL SWEETNESS IS TAKEN AWAY FROM LIFE.—Cicero.

There was a further Chinese case of typhoid notified yesterday.

The scholars of the Quarry Bay School are giving a display on Friday next at 11 a.m.

The s.s. Yatsing has cleared for Canton. The s.s. Szechuen left for the same port yesterday.

The local weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds, fresh to moderate; fair.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday Poon Ram, a sepooy in the 5/2 Punjabi Regiment, was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions on a charge of attempted murder of a superior officer at Walfield Barracks on November 16.

There were 74 vessels in Harbour this morning, the British numbering 40. In the course of the 24 hours ending at 9 a.m. today, ten steamers arrived and ten departed. The British figures were four entries and four clearances.

From Messrs. Donnelly and Whyte we have received a useful diary for 1927 issued by Messrs. J. S. Buchanan and Co., for whose Black and White, Royal Household and Liqueur whiskies they are agents. The diary includes rules of golf, tennis, cricket and auction bridge.

A ricksha chartered at the Star Ferry, Kowloon, yesterday evening, was in collision with a motor car at the junction of Nathan and Cantonment Roads, resulting in slight injuries to the ricksha puller. The European lady passenger was thrown out, but was uninjured and took another ricksha to resume her journey. The number of the car is not known.

The Colonial Dispensary has issued a very pretty wall calendar bearing a beautiful coloured study of mountain scenery, exhibited at the Royal Academy, entitled "The Sun-Kissed Hills." From the N. Y. K. office we have received an effective office calendar on which is a representation of a painting of a tea-house waitress by the famous Japanese artist, Utamaro.

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Nyanza, Changde, Delta, Shantung, Linan, Fushimi Maru, Taming, Tjileboet, Volshella, Van Overstraten, Tjipanas, Seangbee, Kut-sang, Aegae, Kashmir, Roko Maru, Tjikarang, Tjibesar, Helikon, Totomi Maru, Kinshar, Mei Maru, Hermelin, Venezia, Nishiyama Maru, Pres. Wilson, Malva, Pres. McKinley, Phumpenh, Szechuen, Menado Maru, Macedonia, Arabien, Lungshan, Coblentz, Taikwo Maru and Canfa.

21 YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM
"TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are extracted from the Telegraph files for the week ended December 16th, 1905.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 0. 11/16d.

In connection with the Lienchau outrage, the Chinese authorities sentenced three Chinese to decapitation, four others to terms of imprisonment, two to be castrated and five to be bamboozled.

In the baseball match, the U. S. S. Raleigh defeated the Hongkong Baseball Club by 11 to 4.

Mass meetings of Chinese were held in Shanghai and Singapore in favour of a continuation of the anti-American boycott.

The wedding took place at the Union Church of Mr. R. D. Galloway, of Quarry Bay, and Miss I. Harrison. The bride was given away by Mr. Purvis, and was attended by Masters D. and L. Purvis as pages and Miss Holmes as bridesmaid. Mr. J. MacIntyre was the "best man."

"Sir Matthew Nathan opened the Kowloon Bowling Club's new ground."

"At the annual meeting of the China Traders Co., Ltd., reference was made to the scheme for amalgamation with the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd."

WHO IS "THE BAT?"

MYSTERY FILM AT THE
QUEEN'S.

There is a real mystery film being shown at the Queen's Theatre just now, this being Roland West's production, "The Bat." It is a tale of the tracking down of a super-criminal known by reason of his strange garb, as "The Bat," and whilst, of course, there are any number of impossible situations, the story has been very cleverly woven. Everything hangs on who "The Bat" is, and as the tale unfolds the audience is left in mystification. First one, then another, member of the cast is thought the likely man, but at the end there is a big surprise, the nature of which it would not be

LATE SIR PAUL CHATER.

Leaves £136,000 in England.

London, Dec. 9.

The late Sir Paul Chater, member of the Hongkong Executive Council, left property in Hongkong of the net value of \$5,000,000 and personal estate in England valued at £136,000 net.—Reuter.

[The telegram gives details of the deceased's bequests, which have already been published in full locally.]

fair to reveal. It can at any rate be said that very few people are likely to hit upon the right man.

There is a very able cast, including Jewel Carmen, Louise Fazenda, Jack Pickford and Emily Fitzroy, whilst the uncanny atmosphere is preserved throughout. We commend this picture to those who love the unravelling of mysteries.

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The Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., has issued an effective desk calendar for the coming year.

The Very Idea!

The Earl of Oxford and Asquith has just released, coincidental with his relinquishing the leadership of the Liberal party, a new book. The book is called "Fifty Years of British Parliament." It is another "now-it-can-be-told" book. It has none of the vitriolic, backbiting savor of that book by his wife, Margaret Asquith, which sent all England into panic as the great and the near-great discovered confidences made to Lady Asquith laid bare in her diary. The Earl, in a scholarly manner, merely tells what has been going on in Parliament for the last half century. One chapter on "Political Catchwords" is especially interesting. The Earl comments on his own phrase "wait and see," which he says became political slang, was "caricatured into a maxim of policy," and was nothing after all but "a common colloquialism."

In a thrilling battle with an eagle, W. M. Melrose, an automobile mechanic of Auburndale, U. S. A., came off victor. The eagle attacked Melrose's police dog and the man grappled with the bird. Melrose was severely scratched during the struggle, but finally choked the bird to death.

Said he, "I love your eyes of blue."
Oh, kindly be my queen."
That might have been a lovely speech.
Except, her eyes were green.

"You must take exercise," said a physician to a patient. "The motor-car, in a case like yours, gives the best exercise that—"
"But, doctor, I can't afford to buy a motor-car," the patient growled.

"Don't buy one, just dodge 'em," said the doctor.

The story is told of a very "high brow" Hollywood woman who invited an English nobleman as guest of honour at a dinner party. On the night of the party there were guests in abundance—but no nobleman. The next morning the hostess called the Englishman to learn why he was absent. "I wasn't hungry," was his reply.

Seven percent of the pupils and students of Czecho-Slovakia's schools, colleges, and universities are atheists, or without confession according to the statistics just made public. Among the University students the percentage is highest, namely 13 percent. In the Industrial Schools the figure is 18; in the Commercial Schools 12; and in

the elementary or graded schools 7. The average in the kindergarten, where the religion of each child or absence thereof is given by the parents, the percentage is 10.

The Lady Chapel of Southwark Cathedral, which is to be restored, contains one of London's most extraordinary tombs. The monument is the figure of a man so emaciated as to appear almost a skeleton. It is supposed to be that of a miser who starved himself and his servants. To test his domestic staff he pretended one morning to be dead. As soon as the news spread below stairs it was duly celebrated by raids on the pantry and the cellar. Presently the "dead" man could stand no longer the sounds of merriment that floated up to his room, so he crept down to catch the culprits. But he no sooner opened the kitchen door than one of the servants saw him, cracked him over the head with the first thing that came to hand, and thus converted the pretended corpse into a real one.

Franz Lang, of Oberammergau Passion Play fame, who is now in London and has been expressing his admiration of the metropolis, is not the first of his race to be moved to enthusiasm by the sights of London. Leslie Stephen used to tell how he once brought a famous Swiss guide to England, and, seeing him gazing fixedly over the dreary expanse of chimney-pots through which the train passed into the metropolitan terminus, said sympathetically, "Ah, that is not so fine a view as we have seen together from the summit of Mont Blanc." "Ah, sir," was the unexpected reply, in tones of rapture, "it is finer!"

A motorist who ran over and killed a child near Zurich paid her father £150 as compensation. The father immediately bought a two-seater car with the money, an act which has provided much cynical comment in the Swiss newspapers.

It is a kindly regulation which permits our prison authorities to grant books to their charges. The milk of human kindness should be poured out with judgment, however, for we are credibly informed by a recent distinguished visitor to a London goal that he saw an old woman sentenced for drunkenness poring over a book of angling. She was very old, very short-sighted, but she was wrestling with it like a heroine. The fact that it dealt with a wet sport may have had its appeal, of course.

NEW COMMODORE.

ARRIVAL OF CAPT. J. L. PEARSON, C.M.G.

Captain John L. Pearson, C.M.G., R.N., the new Commodore in charge of the naval establishment in Hongkong, arrived this morning from Home by the P. and O. liner Malwa, being accompanied by his wife. He was met on arrival by Rear Admiral A. J. B. Stirling, whom he succeeds and who is leaving for Home with Mrs. and Miss Stirling to-morrow. Captain Pearson takes over his duties as from eight o'clock to-morrow morning. With him there also arrived his Secretary, Pay Lieutenant A. T. Thompson.

CAPT. PEARSON'S CAREER.

Captain Pearson, who was born in 1879, is a son of the late Admiral Sir Hugo Lewis Pearson, K.C.B. For the last three years he has been in command of the aircraft carrier Furious, with the Atlantic Fleet.

Twenty years ago, as a lieutenant, Captain Pearson received the bronze medal of the Royal Humane Society for rescuing a seaman who was thrown into the sea by the capsizing of a target. In the war he was commander of the Levenham and the Benbow, and from January, 1918, Chief of Staff to Rear-Admiral T. W. Kemp in North Russia. He attained his rank as Captain on December 31st, 1917. His wife is a daughter of Colonel Cecil Beadon, of the Indian Army, their marriage taking place in 1912.

REAR ADMIRAL STIRLING.

Hongkong will say good-bye to Rear Admiral A. J. B. Stirling, C.B., with much regret, for during his stay here he has won much popularity in social and service circles. He has had a lengthy and honourable career in the Navy, which he joined in 1889, and won high honour in the Battle of Jutland, when, as commander of the 12th Destroyer Flotilla, he delivered a most successful attack on the German Battle Fleet. For this and other services during the war he received the C.B. decoration, the French Legion of Honour and the Russian Order of St. Anne.



Rear Admiral Stirling.

He arrived in Hongkong as Commodore on December 11th, 1924, and will therefore leave on the second anniversary of his arrival here. It was on August 9th this year that he was raised to the rank of Rear Admiral.

Mrs. and Miss Stirling have also figured prominently in the social life of the Colony during their stay here and will be greatly missed. Of late, Mrs. Stirling has been in indifferent health, and her many friends will wish her a speedy recovery in the Old Country.

BRITISH SUGAR BEET.

A BIG FACTORY SCHEME ABANDONED.

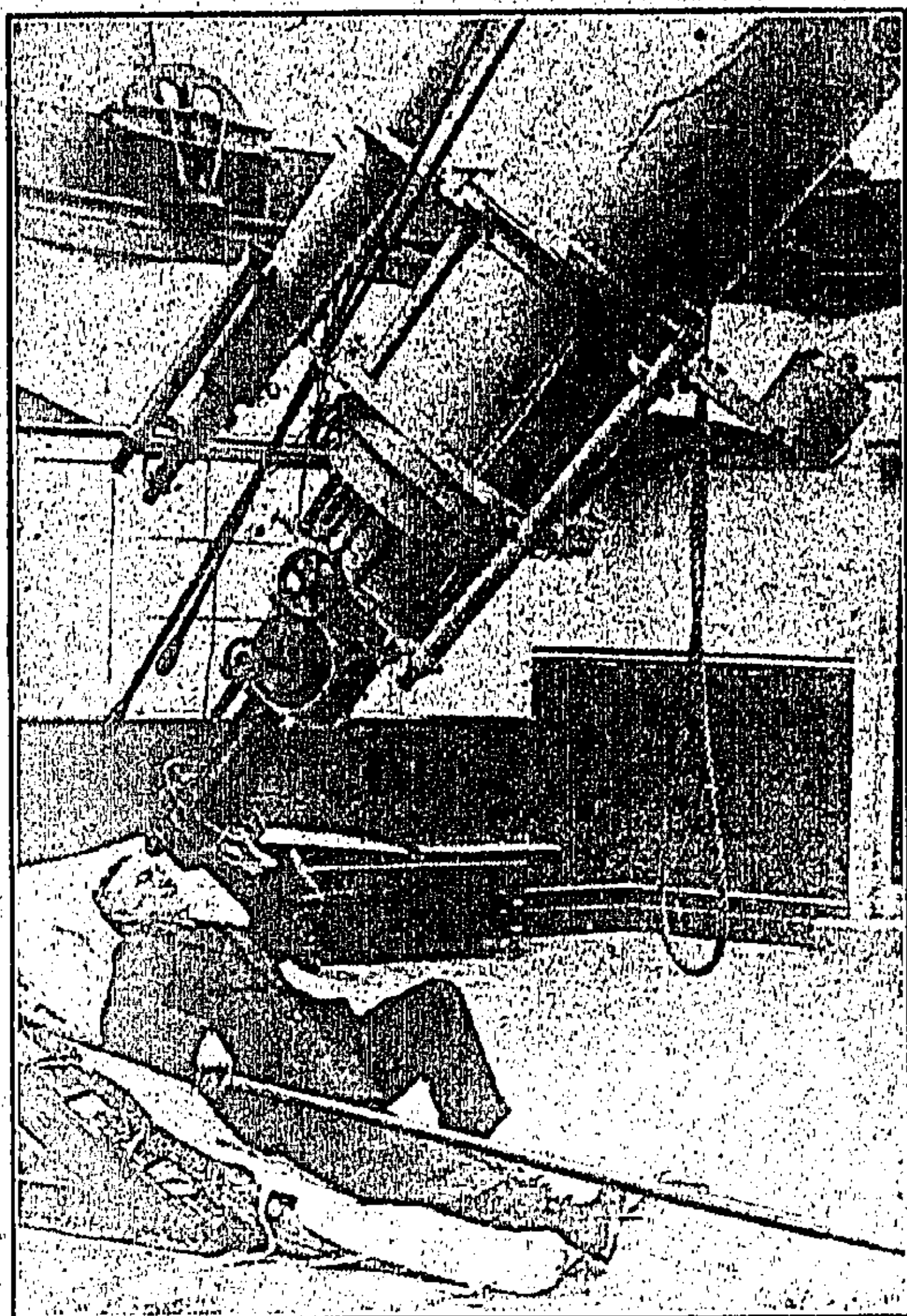
London, Dec. 9. The big sugar refiners, Messrs. Tate and Lyle, have decided to abandon the project of building a sugar beet factory in Yorkshire on account of the experience gained through working the existing factory in Suffolk.

Sir Ernest Lyle, at the annual meeting of the firm, expressed the conviction that a British sugar beet factory had no hope to exist, without a subsidy, and the prospect of decreasing and ultimately ending the subsidy did not warrant the large outlay of capital involved in building new factories.—*Reuter*.

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Observations were recently made of the planet Mars at Greenwich Observatory by the aid of this remarkable and huge telescope. In our picture the telescope is seen being adjusted.

RUBBER PRICES.

DIVIDENDS AND QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carrol Bros. have been advised by Singapore that rubber is quoted at 64 cents per lb. The following dividends have been declared:—

Commemoratus.—10% interim, making 30% to date.

Haytors.—10% interim, making 30% to date.

Kinasau.—15% interim, making 45% to date.

Sungei Baguns.—7½% interim, making 30% to date.

Alor Gajahs.—30% final, making 60% for the year.

Malaka Pindus.—10% final, making 27½ for the year.

The latest quotations are as follows:—

Alor Gajah 3.00

Amalgamated Malays 4.00

Ayer Moleks 2.05

Ayer Panas 13.00

Balgownie 1.05

Bassett 1.35

Brogas 1.45

Bukit Jelutong 1.05

Bukit Katil 1.10

Changkat Serdang (c. d.) 9.40

Commemoratus 2.75

Glendale 2.85

Indragiri 10.40

Kinasau 1.75

Terams 2.75

Jimahs 4.40

Kedahs 9.10

Kempas 3.85

Kuala Sikims 4.00

Malaka Pindus 2.40

Malakoffs 4.85

Mandai Tekong 15.50

Mayfield 5.55

Mentakabs 4.90

New Serendah 3.85

Pangras 1.25

Pangras 3.00

Sandycrofts 2.70

Sundus 4.15

Sungei Baguns 13.50

Tapahs 1.30

Tumbalaks 16.25

Tulak Annons 2.55

United Malacca 4.50

Utah Simpans 4.50

ITALO-GERMAN TREATY.

CAUSE NO SURPRISE.

Geneva, Dec. 9. No surprise is expressed here at the reports of the imminence of the signature of an Italo-German Treaty of Arbitration and Friendship, as it has been known for some time that negotiations had been pending.

The Treaty is in the spirit of the principles of the League and similar to the treaties with Spain, Switzerland and other countries.—*Reuter*.

ARMS MANUFACTURE.

AIM TO SUPERVISE PRIVATE MAKERS.

Geneva, Dec. 9. The League of Nations' Council has decided to invite the United States and Russia to send representatives to a meeting at Geneva early in the autumn of the Special Committee which is to draft a Convention on the supervision of the private manufacture of arms.—*Reuter*.

DOCTOR'S SECRET OF HAPPINESS.

WORK AND LOVE THE WAY TO HEALTH.

Dame Mary Scharlieb, the famous woman doctor, who is 81, got up from a bed of sickness last month to lecture at the Institute of Hygiene.

"Sciatica," she said briskly when the chairman mentioned this, "but I don't know that that deserves to be called a bed of sickness."

"Selfishness and a desire to attract attention were at the root of many 'nervous complaints,'" she declared, adding.

"I have been watching this business as a woman doctor for 50 years."

Doctors knew only too well the more or less charming and lovable woman who was constantly alluding to "my delicate nerves," and who lost no opportunity of asserting the fact that, in spite of all this sensitiveness and delicacy, she was absolutely unselfish, hard working, and long enduring.

Mercifully this type of person was much less frequent now than in the days of Jane Austen and Charlotte Yonge. During the fatal four years of the war she (Dame Mary) had only one "really old-fashioned 'highly-strung damsel'" among her patients.

"The reaction at the end of the war resulted in a recrudescence of mid-Victorian nerves. Things were not so bad as they were 40 or 50 years ago, but there was a distinct increase of the *Clare de Vere* spirit."

Work—the work that came to our hands, including housework—gave the means whereby we might rise above "our poor and nervous selves" to something fine and heroic. But it was necessary to have interest in the work. The one thing to glid drudgery and make it real work was love.

Answering questions Dame Mary said:—

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Cure is not enough; you must find some work to absorb you.

Psycho-analysis is a double-edged weapon. It is worse than the surgeon's knife, which has only one edge.

Corporal punishment? Circumstances after cases. It is very good for some of us.

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BIG BEN'S CRACKED BELL.

"TERRIBLE" SOUND, SAYS A BELLRINGER.

"The bell of 'Big Ben' is so cracked you can stick your arm through the fracture."

The above statement was made recently by Mr. W. Roughton, a prominent member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, England's oldest bell-ringing fraternity, who are experimenting with the object of recording London's famous bells on the gramophone. "There is one spot where chimes can be heard perfectly," added Mr. Roughton. "St. Paul's bells sound best from Snow Hill, but 'Big Ben' is terrible anywhere."

"Mr. Roughton is rather behind the times in his discovery," said an official of Messrs. E. Dent and Co., Ltd., who made and created the famous clock, recently to a *Daily Chronicle* representative. "The bell of 'Big Ben' was cracked within a few days of its being put up at Westminster 56 years ago."

"Speaking from memory, the crack is under a foot in length, and is certainly under a quarter of an inch wide. The width of the original crack was purposely increased slightly so as to improve the vibration."

"You might be able to put the tip of your little finger in the crack, but not without pinching. The crack has not extended or widened since 1859."

"A new 'Big Ben' would cost several thousands of pounds, and the advantage gained would hardly be worth it."

Big Ben weighs about 13 tons, and it has been stated that to remove it for recasting, the inside of the tower would have to be dismantled and cleaved out. The cost of this would probably be more than the recasting.

MR. BRUCE'S SPATS.

A PAINFUL SARTORIAL BLUNDER.

The Tailor and Cutter deals with painful candour in its current issue with the errors of dress to be noted in the visitors and home delegates to the Imperial Conference. Mr. Baldwin is rebuked for his thoughtlessness in presiding over the conferences in a lounge suit, whereas he would never dream of wearing anything but formal morning dress at Ascot or Harrow Speech Day, for example. By contrast the Canadian Premier and Mr. Cosgrave are praised for the correctness of their attire.

Mr. Bruce, the Australian Premier, unfortunately just missed equal praise. Says the journal:—

Mr. Bruce, the Australian Premier, was well, although informally dressed, but there was one sartorial note which requires comment. In his kit was a pair of spats. And why did Mr. Bruce wear spats? We are assured that this is not an Australian fashion. The "diggers" do not thus protect and embellish their ankles. Neither are they worn by smartly dressed men in London. Sats are essentially a dandy article of attire, but they belong to the vogue of yesteryear. In this respect Mr. Bruce occupied a position of splendid isolation, and may claim the distinction which always attaches to the unique. But if Mr. Bruce wishes to be in the forefront of fashion he must unbutton and unstrap those spats and cast them forth.

It is related that after a garden-party at Buckingham Palace the shrubberies were snowed under with white spats discarded by Americans who, at the last moment, found out their mistake. They took their courage and their feet in their hands and flung away the offending garments. To Mr. Bruce we say, "Go thus and do likewise."

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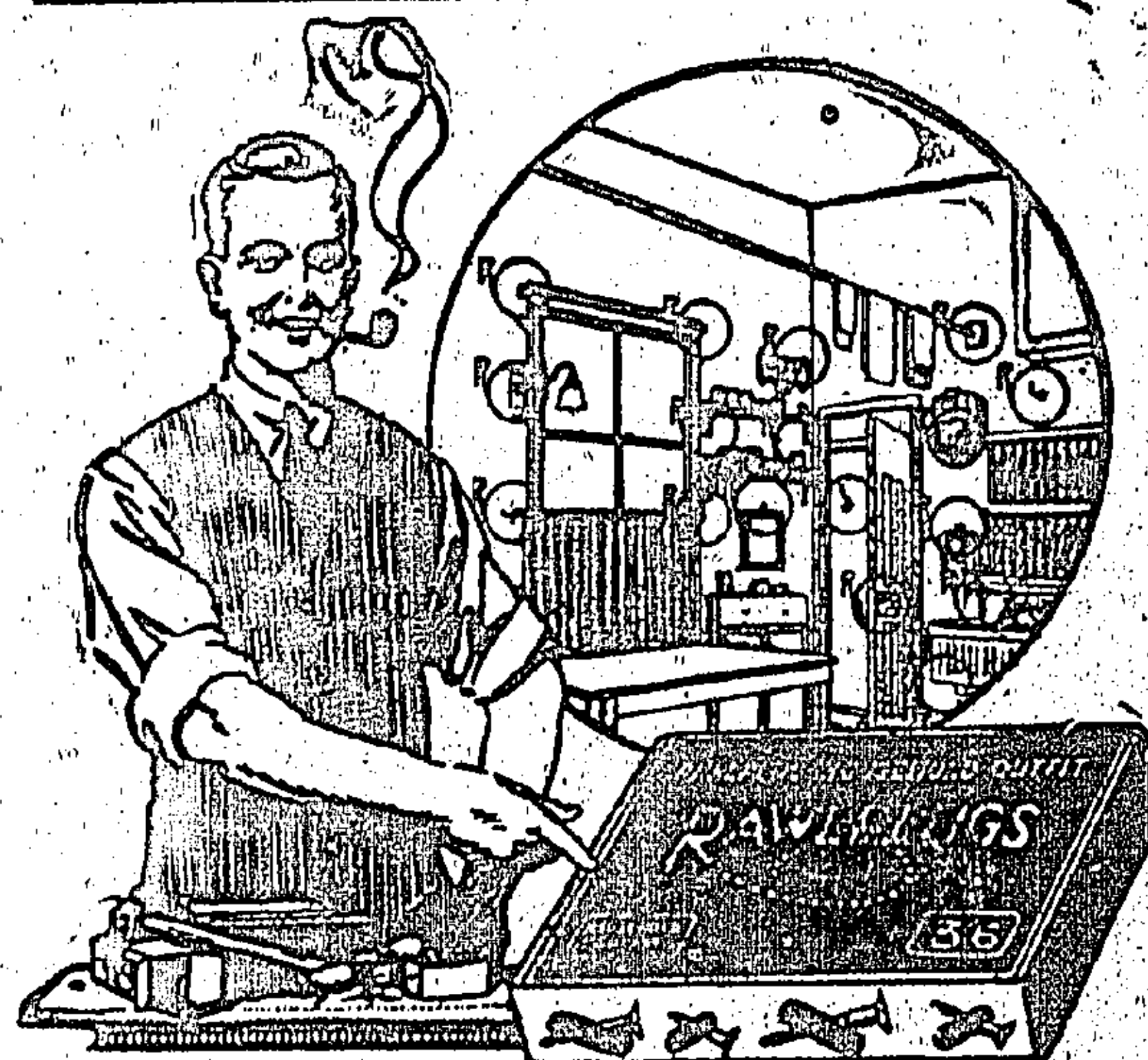
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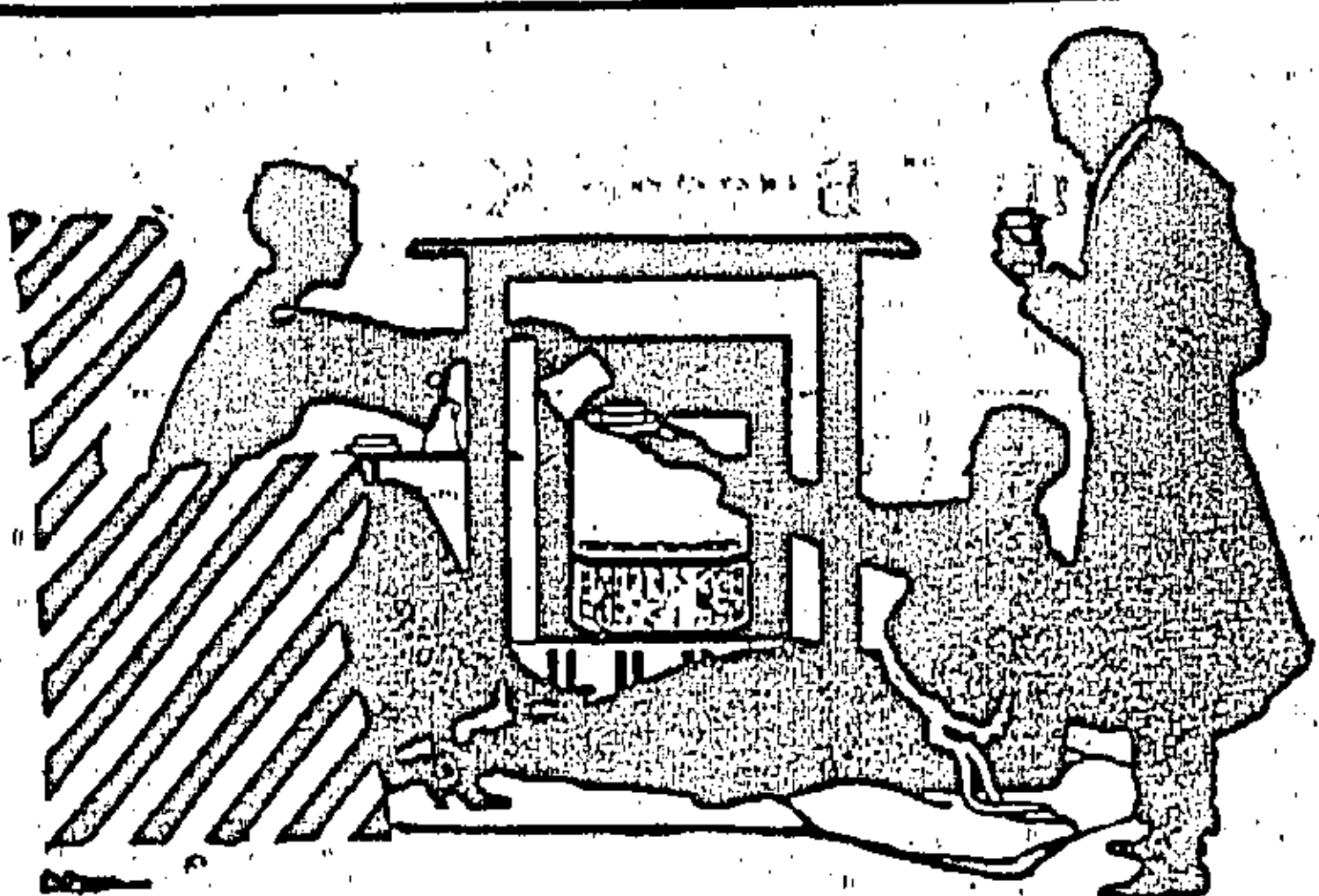
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PUBLIC MONEY.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held yesterday afternoon in the Council Chamber. The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, presided and Members present were:—The Colonial Treasurer, (the Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer, O.B.E.), the Director of Public Works, (the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy), the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chou, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall and the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.

The total amount asked for and voted was \$127,227, the items being as follows:—

Education Department, Special Expenditure.—Equipment of King's College \$1,130.

This sum is required for the Equipment of King's College. It is considered that these items cannot properly be paid for out of the general sum voted in P. W. D. Estimates for King's College, and no funds are available in the Education Department.

New Quarters.

Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong Buildings, 5. Government Civil Hospital; Extensions to Sisters' Quarters, \$5,500.

Original Estimate \$102,000.00, Revised Estimate \$142,573.04.

Reasons for increase.—The Original estimate was only approximately as it was prepared from Sketch Plans. Two large verandahs were also added during preparation of the Contract Drawings. Amount expended to end of 1925, \$112,173. Amount voted for 1926, \$8,000. Supplementary Supply \$17,000. Amount required for 1926 \$30,500. Amount for which a Supplementary Supply is required \$5,500.

Reasons for excess.—It was found necessary to take the foundation of the building to a greater depth than anticipated owing to the nature of the subsoil and various amendments in the planning and additional items which were not covered by the original Contract were included during construction to meet the requirements of the Medical Department.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: What are these additional quarters?

The Director of Public Works: They are new quarters for the nurses. It is a new wing to the original sisters' quarters.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: What is the object of the memorandum explaining the item? It says "Original estimate, \$102,000; revised estimate, \$142,573.04." That is a much bigger difference than the \$5,500 now being asked for?

The Director of Public Works: The original estimate was prepared when sketch plans only were drawn out. Detailed plans had not then been prepared because we did not know then that the work would be gone on with. When the detailed plans were prepared a great many additions, such as verandahs, were added to the original sketch plans. We are not asking for the difference between the two amounts but only \$5,500.

The Kwantai Course.

Kowloon-Canton Railway. Advertising \$150.

Provision made in Estimates \$1,000. Since the preparation of the 1926 Estimates the Kwantai Race Course has been opened and it was considered necessary to incur certain expenses in connexion with advertising the running of special race trains, for which no provision was made in the 1926 Estimates. A sum of \$150 is required to meet the cost of these advertisements. The traffic attracted to the railway has shown that such advertisement is remunerative.

Kowloon-Canton Railway.—Printing, Stationery and Tickets "Stationery," \$300.

Provision made in Estimates \$1,800. When the booking to Hongkong was discontinued, the stock of golfing tickets in books of 10 were unsuitable, and it was necessary to have new tickets printed Kowloon-Sheung Shui. In connexion with resumption of through traffic, new time tables, notices and fare tables had to be printed also passenger tickets, as in many instances the fares were increased. To be met from savings under other charges.

Charitable Services, Gratuity to Widow of Fung Wei, \$219.

Provision made in Estimates \$3,000. Provision made by Supplementary Vote \$5,831. Fung Wei, house coolie at Government House, retired nine months ago on a compassionate allowance of \$75.90 per annum granted under clause 10 of the Pension Minute by virtue of 28 years' service. He has now died leaving a widow and one son. The compassionate allowance ceased on his death and it is proposed to grant the widow a lump sum gratuity equivalent to one year's salary at retirement less the amount of the allowance already drawn—namely \$219 in all.

Pensions.

Pensions, Civil, \$24,318. Provision made in Estimates \$375,000. New pensions have been granted this year considerably in excess of the sum estimated and of the supplementary vote now asked for \$11,463 may be ascribed to this reason. The fall in exchange is affecting the cost of sterling pensions and is estimated to cause a deficit of \$12,855.

Pensions, Police, \$9,305. Provision made in Estimates \$127,600. New pensions have been granted this year considerably in excess of the estimate and a deficit of \$5,408 is anticipated on this account. In addition a sum of \$3,897 will be required to meet the cost of pensions paid in sterling as a result of the fall in exchange.

The Chairman: This is largely due to the fall in exchange.

A Query.

Education Department, Fencing Queen's College playing ground, \$610.

Queen's College football and tennis ground at Causeway Bay has no protection from the public who freely roam across it, making it impossible to keep the ground in order. This ground has now been declared by the Governor in Council not to be a public place within the meaning of the Ordinance and \$610 is required in order to fence it with a bamboo hedge and wire.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Are we prepared to do the same for other football clubs whose grounds are similarly situated?

The Chairman: Not unless they are Government institutions.

Miscellaneous Services, Rent Allowances, European Subordinate Officers, \$4,000.

Provision made in Estimate \$40,000. An excess of \$4,000 is expected on this item. Several officers have married and thus become entitled to higher allowances. When the allowances were revised in 1925, the effect on the estimates was not perhaps fully appreciated. A saving of \$24,000 is anticipated on the Senior Officers Rent Allowances.

Departmental Literature.

Miscellaneous Services, Newspapers and Periodicals \$1,500.

Provision made in Estimates \$6,500. This item was underestimated. The expenditure for 1925 was \$7,713 and it is now estimated that this figure will be slightly exceeded for 1926. Provision has been made for \$7,000 in 1927 and it is hoped to effect economies there will keep the expenditure within that sum.

Hon. Mr. Lang: What are these newspapers and periodicals?

The Colonial Treasurer: They are the ordinary daily papers and periodicals obtained from Home.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Who is supplied?

The Chairman: Nearly all Government offices have one daily paper and naturally the Secretariat has more than one because they file them and provide copies for the waiting room.

Hon. Mr. Lang: And what Home papers do we get?

The Colonial Treasurer: The Civil Service List, technical journals, Law Reports, medical journals and The Architect, etc., for the P. W. D.

Miscellaneous Services, Grant in aid of Colonial Advisory Committee, Medical and Sanitary \$47.

Provision made in Estimates \$100. Government contributes proportionally towards the expenses of the Colonial Advisory Medical and Sanitary Committee and in previous years a sum of \$10 has been sufficient. This year the proportion payable by Hongkong is £16 and a supplementary vote to cover the difference is requested.

Large Families.

Miscellaneous Services, Transport of Government servants \$16,000.

Provision made in Estimates \$150,000. Considerable difficulty is experienced in estimating for this expenditure as it is not possible to forecast accurately the number of officers who will require long leave, family passages etc.

Hon. Mr. Bird: I can never understand how it is that you do not know exactly when Government servants are due for long leave.

The Chairman: The estimates are prepared in August and in some cases leave is not given until the end of the year. Besides there are a remarkable number of people with very large families and sometimes we do not know how many are to go in a family. (Laughter).

The Chairman: There is also the question of ill-health. Many Government officers have to go Home ahead of their time on account of ill-health. Take a case at the present moment, Mr. McBride. He should go next year but as a matter of fact he is going this because the doctor has ordered him Home.

Hon. Mr. Bird: I can understand one or two cases, but I thought that in the ordinary way you knew exactly when a man was due for leave.

The Colonial Treasurer: In August you really do not know who is going on leave.

Hon. Mr. Bird: But they have to take their leave when it is due? The Colonial Treasurer: No. I might mention that there is one officer with a family of seven.

Kowloon's Progress.

Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon Communications, \$15,000.

Original Estimate \$297,000. Revised Estimate \$374,000. Additional estimate \$77,000. Total \$374,000. Amount required for 1926 \$45,000. Amount required for 1926 \$45,000. Amount required for 1926 \$45,000. Amount required for 1926 \$45,000.

Reasons for increase.—Further exchange areas had to be formed to meet development. Amount expended to end of 1925 \$290,438. Amount voted for 1926 \$390,000. Amount required for 1926 \$45,000. Excess for which supplementary supply is required \$18,000.

Reasons for excess.—Work has proceeded faster than was anticipated and additional areas are still required for exchanges for villagers who have accepted terms of exchange. Extra areas which have had to be prepared for the site now allocated to K. I. L. 1800 (Old German Mission School) 1975, and the approach which had to be provided from the Old Kowloon City Road to those lots on the block N. W. of the 100-foot Road, brought about an increase over the estimate.

For Piracy.

Public Works, Extraordinary, Wireless set \$2,500. Fitting wireless set \$300, \$2,800.

Owing to the increase of Piracies even within British waters the need for wireless on Police cruising launch has become imperative. It has been provided on No. 4 launch, destined to patrol the Eastern waters of the Colony. No. 2 launch patrols the western waters and is suited for a Wireless Installation. Provision for this has already been made in 1927 Draft Estimates, page 79. Head 31, Public Works Extraordinary, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, \$5, \$41,100. The matter however is urgent, and a convenient opportunity offers as No. 2 launch is being placed on the slip. The item are as follows:—(a) Wireless Set \$2,500, (b) Fitting wireless set \$300, (c) Cost of Wireless Cabin and extra mast for Aerial \$1,300. The \$1,300 is now available on the vote Repairs and Stores for Launches 1926, Harbour Master's Department page 23, Estimates 1926. A supplementary vote of \$2,800 is requested to meet items (a) and (b). A corresponding saving will be effected in 1927 \$4,100.

The Chairman: This is an item which should go in next year, but owing to the fact that the launch has had to be put on the slipway this year, the Government thought it better to pay for it now and make a deduction of that amount in the estimates for next year. I think that amount can definitely be treated as savings for next year.

Echo of Great Storm.

Charitable Services, Gratuities to personal representatives of Chan Yam, Chung Fat, Chung Sing and See Yau \$1,322.

Provision made in Estimates \$3,000. Provision made by Supplementary Vote \$5,832.

The four persons named—all Government servants—lost their lives on 19th July 1926 when a large boulder, loosened by heavy rain crashed into the Pokfulam Pumping Station, where they worked and lived. The sum asked for is the equivalent of a year's salary in each case, namely—Chan Yam \$496.40, Chung Fat \$256.50, Hung (Continued on Page 10.)

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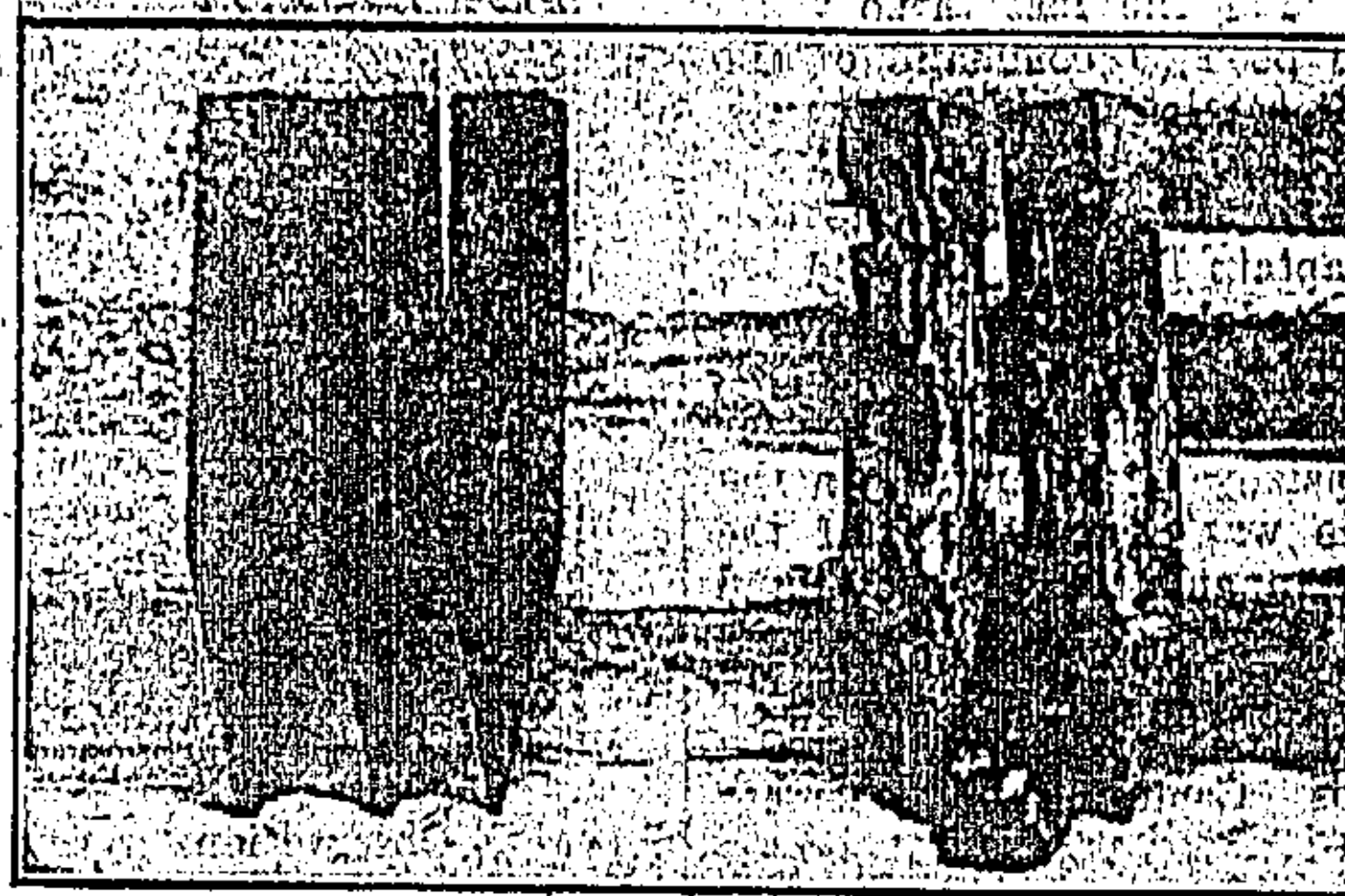
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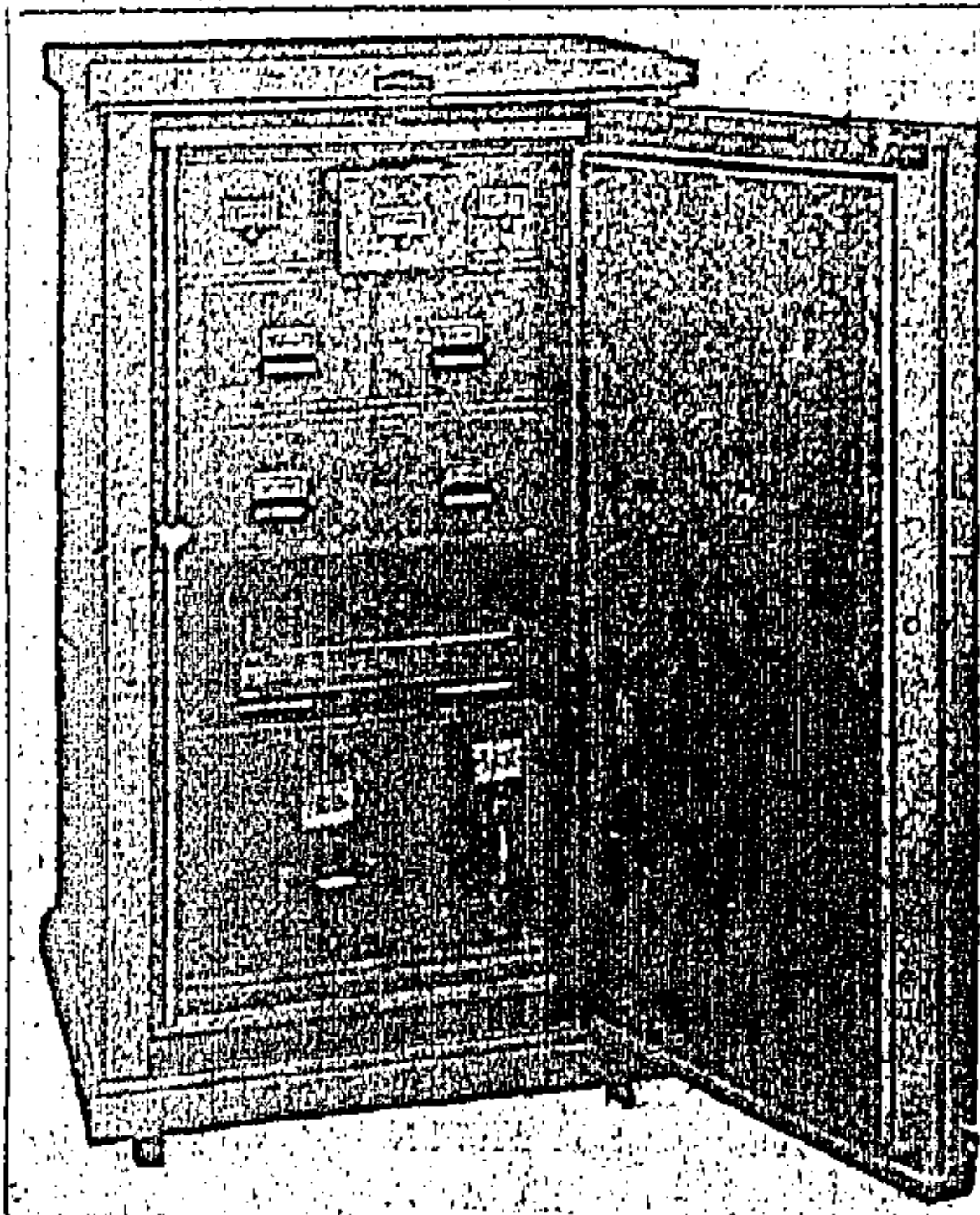
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KEEN GAME LIKELY TO-MORROW.

GENERAL PROSPECTS.

[By "Wanderer"]

The Senior Division of the League begins the second half of its programme to-morrow, the most interesting and important match of the schedule being that on the Recreation ground between the Recreation and Kowloon. The Recreation have completed the first half without suffering defeat, and it will take a good team to defeat them, especially on their own ground.

The Chinese Athletic and the Royal Artillery have comfortable games, while a good struggle is likely on the Sookunpoo ground where the Borderers and South China clash.

FIXTURES, GROUNDS AND REFEREES.

The full fixture list, together with venues, times of kick-off, and referees in charge, is appended:

Senior Division.
South China v. K.O.S.B.—Sookunpoo, 4 p.m., Mr. Phillips.
Tamar v. Chinese Ath.—Club, 4 p.m., Mr. Baldwin.
Recreation v. Kowloon—Recreation, 4 p.m., Mr. Holland.
R.A. v. Police—South China, 4 p.m., Mr. Gilbert.
Junior Division "A".
Recreation v. Kowloon—Recreation, 2.30 p.m., Mr. Omar.
South China v. R.A.—Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m., Mr. Phillips.
Chinese Ath. v. Club—Club, 2.30 p.m., Mr. Mackie.
K.O.S.B. v. Chinese "B"—Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m., Mr. Austin.
Junior Division "B".
Boy Scouts v. Bank—S'poo "B", 4 p.m., Mr. Samy.
Chinese "A" v. Chinese "B"—St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m., Mr. Lamb.
South China v. Moslems—St. Joseph's, 4 p.m., Mr. Lamb.
St. Joseph's v. Kowloon—South China, 2.30 p.m., Mr. Gilmour.

TEST FOR BORDERERS.

After four successive defeats the K.O.S.B. have now struck a winning vein, and stand in the league with eight points from an equivalent number of games. The team, however, will need to be on its best behaviour to-morrow to take full points from the South China team. South China is paired with the Police in the respect that both teams have yet to win a match, but South China is likely to break the ice first, and I should not be surprised if the success came at the expense of the Borderers. A keen game is certain, and a draw is possible.

GOOD FOR FULL POINTS.

The Tamar are losing with consistency of late and the Chinese Athletic, in spite of their heavy reverse last week, look good for two points at their expense. The trouble with the navy team is that they cannot depend on the same men each week with the result that generally speaking the side lacks understanding. The Chinese make no change from the team which went down to the Recreation.

A NEEDLE MATCH.

The most important match on the card to-morrow is undoubtedly that between the unbeaten Club de Recreation and Kowloon. The Club de Recreation in the first match of the season broke a ground record which held good through the whole of the last strenuous campaign, and Kowloon will be keen to return in kind to-morrow on the Recreation ground. Hayes and Spary return to the Kowloon forward line, but the defence which did so well against the Tamar last week is unchanged. The Recreation will take the field in full confidence of adding to their laurels, and the visiting defence will need to be in fine fettle to keep Gosano and Co. out. The Recreation should win.

R. A. GOING STRONG.

With Leach leading the R. A. forwards, Clark, Police goalkeeper, will be given plenty of work to do, and I cannot imagine the Police bringing off a surprise. The Gunners have been winning consistently against the weaker clubs, and I look to them to get two further points to-morrow.

HOCKEY SHIELD.

ARMY DRAW LEVEL WITH NAVY.

IMPROVED FORM.

The Army and the Navy met for the second time in the "Sim" Hockey Shield Competition, at the United Services Recreation ground, Kowloon, last evening, when the former won by three goals to two, thus regaining the position lost when the Navy proved the victors in the previous match last week.

The conditions attached to the Shield are that the Army, Navy, and Club shall play each other twice, so now that the former two have played their two matches, it remains for each of them to play two games with the Club. The Army and Navy met for the first time this season on Thursday last, when the Navy won a hard fought game by three goals to one, so that they had a lead of two points, while the Army and the Club had no points, the latter because they had not played. The result of last night's encounter thus gives the sailors and the soldiers two points each, and the first fixture with the Club, which is with the Navy on December 15th, will be watched with interest.

BETTER FORM.

The form displayed by the two teams last night was distinctly better when compared with the previous game, both sides showing great improvement. The soldiers were much better in the second half of the game, and secured a lead of two goals in dashing fashion. They fielded practically the same team as last week, and the faith placed in that eleven was justified. Better balance and good team work, combined with a willingness to swing the ball about freely showed them the way to victory, although it must be confessed that the redoubtable Staff Sergeant Clark, who guarded the Army citadel, was largely responsible for keeping the

WITH THE JUNIORS.

Kowloon have a strong reserve team in the field against the Recreation Reserves and should gain both points with luck, the R. A. Reserves should experience little difficulty in trouncing South China, the Chinese Athletic "A" will be out to turn the tables on the Club Reserves, while the Chinese Athletic "B" have little in the side likely to stop the K.O.S.B. Reserves in their headlong career towards championship honours.

The "B" Section rests between St. Joseph's and the Moslem Club, who are running neck and neck for leadership. Both should gain comfortable victories to-morrow. The Chinese "A" should on name alone defeat Chinese "B", while the Boy Scouts and the Bank will fight out a close game which may go either way.

PROBABLE TEAMS.

SOUTH CHINA: Lau Hing-cheung; Li Tin-sang and Chan So; Tin Yuk-on, Fung Man-Kit, and Ko Sik-wai; Chui Kwong-yung; Leung Wing-tak, Fung King-cheung, Ip Pak-wa, and Li Ting-choi.

CHINESE ATHLETIC: Pau Ka-king; Lai Yuk-tat, Lo Wai-man; Ng Po-lau, Wong Shui-wa and Lam Yuk-ying; Ng Kam-chuen, Ip Kau, Wong Pak-cheung, Suen Kam-shun, and Chan Kwong-ai.

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KOWLOON: Durand; Wheeler, Cavaille; McKelvie, Sims, Earle; Hayes, Spary, Duncan, Miles, and Muir.

KOWLOON RES.: Wood; Guest, Baldwin; Pile, Pasco, Hedley; Millard, Vickers, Orr, Contes and Eastman.

CLUB RES.: Slipper; Hill, Purves; Brown, Ralston, Panchon; Bell, Campbell, Tramblitzky, and White.

At a meeting of the Football Association the draw for the Sunday Herald Charity Cup resulted:

England v. Scotland.
Portugal v. China.

Two matches will be played on the H. K. F. C. ground, the former on Boxing Day at 4 p.m. and the latter at 11 a.m. on Christmas Day.

FOOTBALL FORECASTS.

PRIZE SHARED BY FIVE.

There was again a good entry for our Football Forecast Competition last week, but in view of a number of unexpected results, no competitor succeeded in getting more than nine correct results out of the twelve. Five, however, sent in this number of correct forecasts and therefore share the prize. They are:

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The European Y.M.C.A. entertained a billiard team from H.M.S. Vindictive at Kowloon on Wednesday night, the former winning by 29. The scores were:

Y.M.C.A.	Vindictive.
Greenhaigh	150 Jones
Chapman	140 Bridgway
Jack	160 Hedley
Borrowman	122 Wardle
Lamb	145 Emerson
Guy	150 Brydie
	857
	828

Navy score down. He played one of the best games this season, and saved many situations that might easily have let the sailors through had a less experienced goal-keeper played. Many times, especially when they were behind, and full time was fast approaching, did the Navy make strong efforts to gain a division of the points, but although they could beat the backs at times, Clarke always stepped into the breach.

If anything, the sailors did not retain their first half form during the middle part of the second moiety, and when the soldiers secured their two goal lead, they appeared to be doing just what they like with the opposing defence. However as a team they gave the Army a strong tussle, and in spite of the Army's lead the result of the game was in doubt until the very end. The Navy often looked like scoring towards the end, and were somewhat unfortunate on several occasions.

NAVY SCORE FIRST.

Right from the start the sailors got away finely, and in the first minute Commander Ling netted a beauty before Clarke knew where he was. This sudden reverse, rather shook the opposition, and the Navy pressed for a few minutes, but gradually play shifted to mid-field, and from thence to the Navy goal.

The whistle blew for an infringement when the Army were well placed, and from a free hit the ball travelled to the other end, where it stayed for a while, without, however, causing Clarke any serious anxiety. About half way through the first half, some fine movements were made by the soldiers, who made full use of their wings which enabled Captain Dobbie to whip the ball into the net without giving Aubrey a chance. The scores having been levelled with the interval approaching, both sides made strenuous but unsuccessful efforts to cross over with a lead.

The teams were evenly matched on the resumption, neither side showing any advantage over the other, and evenings playing with a skill that was often pretty to watch. The soldiers' forward line suddenly broke the spell, and for a short period struck winning form, leaving the Navy defence apparently helpless. Aubrey in goal was conspicuous at this period but he was beaten by a stinging shot from Lieut. Wright Neville. It was not long afterwards that Lieut. Wright put on a third, after which the Navy pulled themselves together, and managed to score again, through Sparkes. During the remaining time both ends were visited often, the sailors, if anything, being the more convincing, but effective defensive work by the backs and Clarke prevented further scoring.

Y. M. C. A. HOCKEY.

At King's Park, the European Y. M. C. A. hockey team met and defeated a team from Sumarino 120, the scorers being, Wheeler, Howell, and Petrie. The game was fast and keen, both sides showing good form.

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CRICKET.

KOWLOON C. C. v. H.M.S. HERMES.

Some curiously uneven batting was witnessed in the match between the K. C. C. and Hermes, played on the former's ground yesterday. Of the Hermes' total of 156, two players made no less than 107, whilst Capt. Morris and A. R. F. Raven scored 140 of Kowloon's 162.

Kowloon won by six wickets, the feature of the match being a brilliant century by Capt. E. W. Morris. Going in at a time when things were going badly for his side, Morris scored at a very fast rate all round the wicket, his principal hits being seventeen fours. In association with Raven he carried the score from 49 for four wickets to 162, and both remained undefeated at the close. Batting was the only visiting bowler to enjoy any success; he claimed all four wickets.

Both Both Lt. Garmons Williams and Lt. Sturgess exceeded the half century for the Hermes. They put on 80 runs for the second wicket. The only other batsman to shine was F. O. Newall, who obtained 26. Loyal took four wickets for 29 runs. Scores:
F. O. Newall, b. Morris 26
Lt. Garmons Williams, c. b. Morris 54
Lt. Sturgess, c. b. Ross 53
Lt. Abol Smith, b. W. L. Loyal 0
Lt. Comdr. Bentley, c. Hargreaves 1
Brownie b. Ross 0
Eng. Comdr. Villar, b. Loyal 1
Lt. Renwick, not out 8
F. O. Brookman, b. Loyal 0
Pay-Lt. Slipper, run out 0
Lt. Healey, b. Loyal 1
Extras 13

Total 163
Kowloon C. C.
F. Edwards, b. W. L. Loyal 0
J. C. Loyal, b. W. L. Loyal 0
Lt. Hall, c. Newall, b. Bentley 0
Capt. E. W. Morris, not out 100
Capt. F. G. Bevis, b. Bentley 4
A. R. F. Raven, not out 4
Extras 9

Total (for 4 wks.) 162
Lt. C. H. Atkins, A. H. Brownie, F. C. Pavitt and N. H. Ross did not bat.

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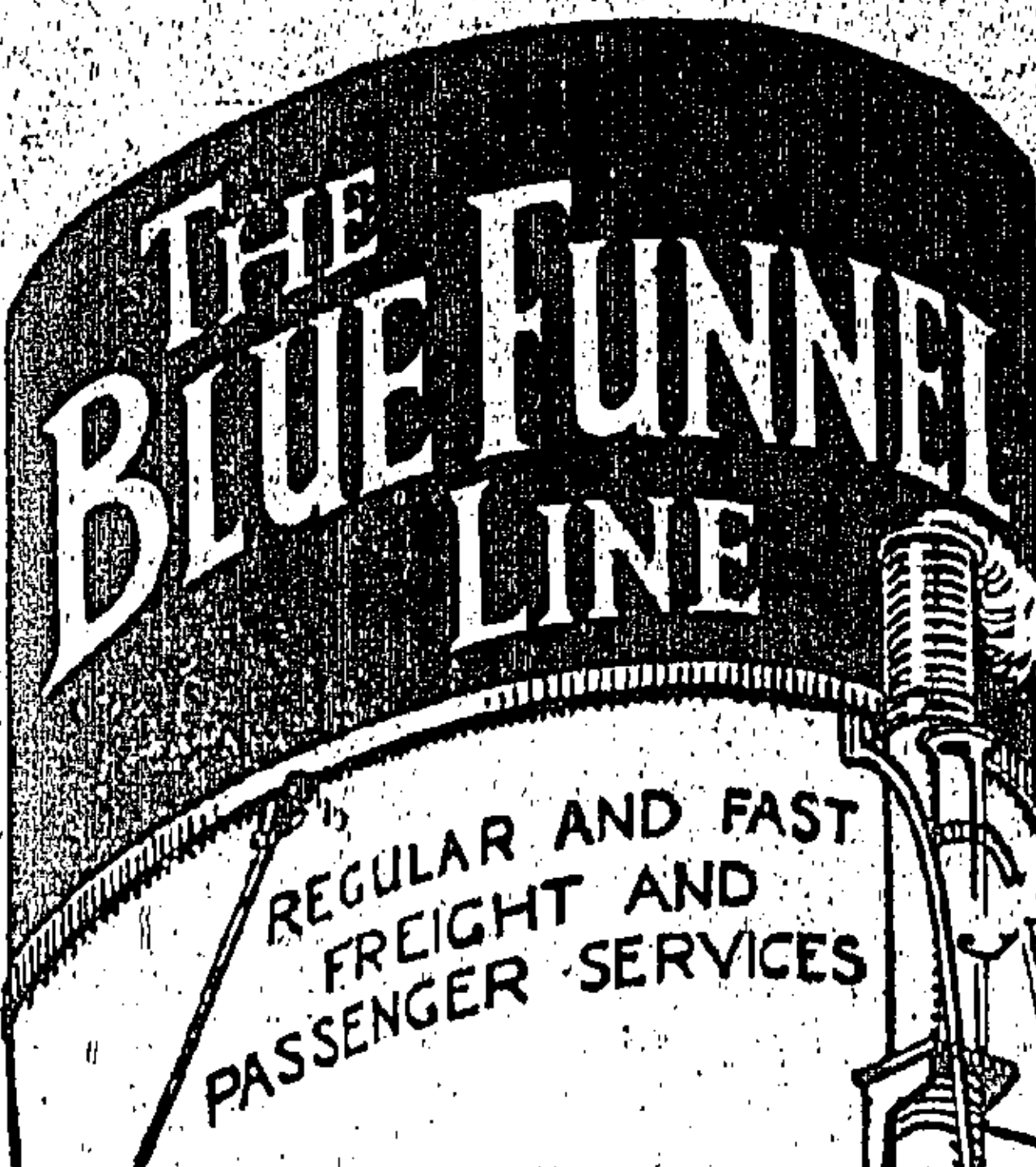
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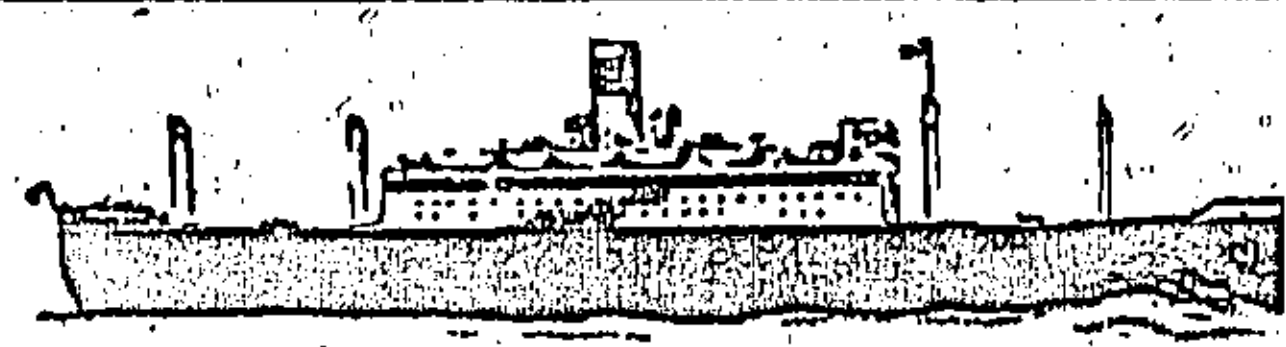
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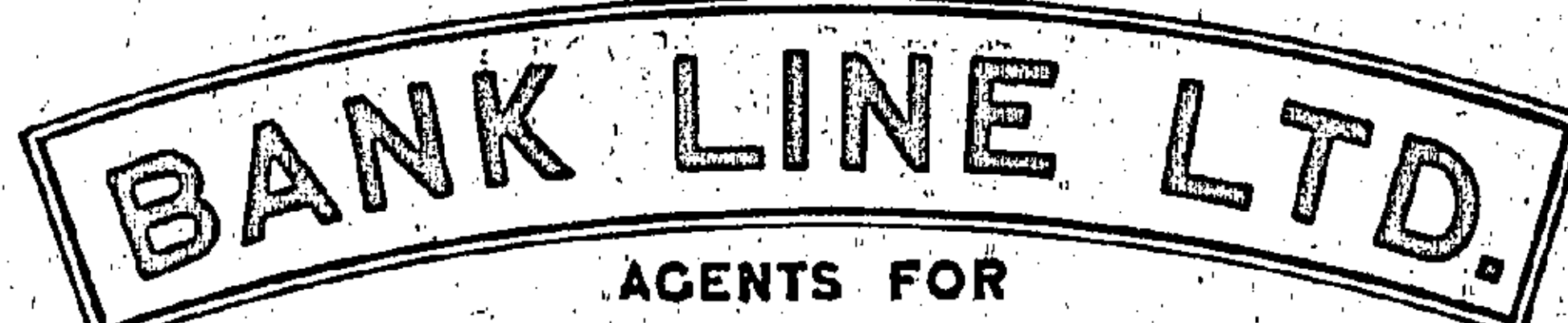
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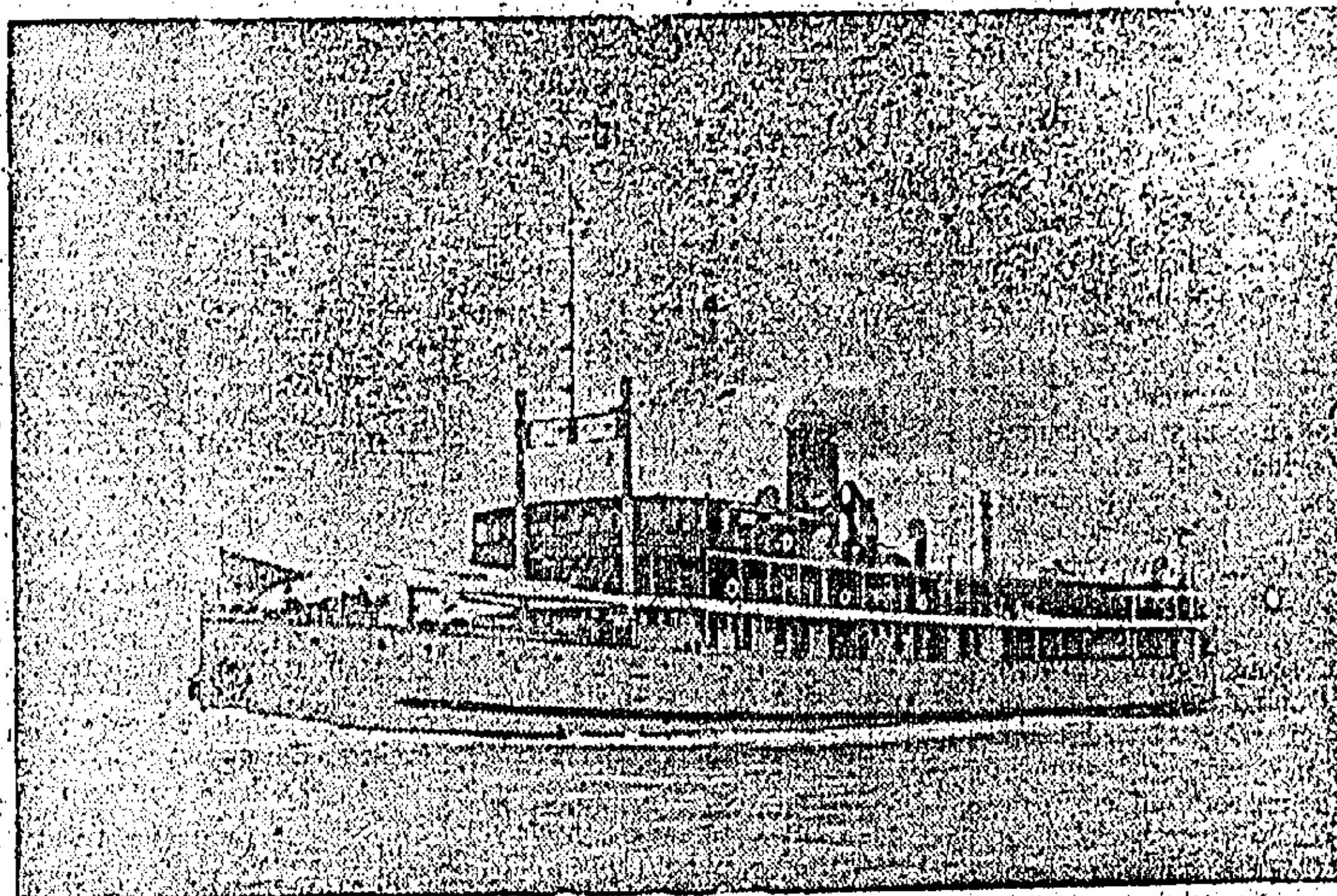
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Provision made in Estimate \$100. Three Inspectors of the Sanitary Department have each incurred fees amounting to \$42 for attendance at lectures in preparation for taking the R. S. Institute's Examination for S.I. Certificate. When the Estimates were framed it was not anticipated that three Inspectors would be ready to take the Examination during 1926. All three however have passed the Examination and are entitled to a refund of those fees. A supplementary vote of \$26 is therefore requested.

Water Meters.

Public Works, Recurrent, Water Works, Kowloon, Maintenance of Water Works \$15,000.

Provision made in Estimates \$25,000. Owing to the retirement on the recurrent votes in the Estimates for 1926 the amount asked for by the Water Engineer was cut down below the minimum fund necessary for efficient maintenance. The Kowloon system is rapidly growing and spreading over a very large area, requiring therefore increased maintenance while cost of materials and labour has steadily risen. The following are the expenditure for the last three years.—1923, \$27,977; 1924, \$28,563; 1925, \$38,466. The amount placed in the Estimates for 1927 is \$35,000 which the Director of Public Works anticipates will be sufficient owing to various economies that have been effected, such as the introduction of new sand washers etc. The expenditure to the end of November is approximately \$25,000.

The Director of Public Works: This is for the provision of water meters. We have had such a large number of applications for meters that our supply was exhausted. These meters are revenue producing and it was thought well to get them as applications were continually coming in.

The Chairman: As a matter of fact I think you told me that the amount originally estimated as required for maintenance was cut down last year.

The Director of Public Works: That is so.

The Chairman: Consequently I do not think your department is altogether entirely responsible for this large increase.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

CHINA, PERU AND BOLIVIA IN ARREARS.

London, Dec. 9. In the House of Commons replying to Colonel Woodcock Mr. Locker Lampson said that as far as he knew no definite scheme for payment had been submitted by China, Peru and Bolivia for their arrears of contributions to the League of Nations. Part of the Chinese contribution in respect of 1922 had been paid but nothing was received in respect of the 1923—1925 payment, or on account of the 1926 contribution. The League received the last payments from Peru in 1920 and from Bolivia in 1923. The League Council is considering steps to recover the money and the question of the continuance of their membership.—*Reuter.*

ANOTHER BIG DEAL.

ROYAL MAILS OFFER FOR RED STAR LINERS.

New York, Dec. 9. The transfer of 436 vessels aggregating 330,000 tons is involved in an offer by the Royal Mail Steamship Company to purchase the Leyland and Red Star lines from the International Mercantile Marine, whose directors consider the offer favourable.—*Reuter's American Service.*

HEAVY SNOWSTORMS.

COMMUNICATIONS HINDERED IN NORTH JAPAN.

Tokyo, Dec. 9. Heavy snowstorms are raging throughout northern Japan, seriously hindering communications. Fishing boats are suffering severely and rescue vessels have been despatched to search for sixty which are missing off Oshika, near Sendai.—*Reuter.*

THE CHINESE BISHOPS IN FRANCE.

Lyons, Dec. 9. The new Chinese Bishops were solemnly received by the Lyons Catholics.

This morning the five Bishops assisted in a great Pontifical holy office under the chairmanship of Cardinal Maurin, Archbishop of Lyons.—*Havas.*

How one baby boy was sent to hospital in mistake for his twin brother was told at a Hull inquest. The mother said that one of the twins suffered from a minor illness, and it was decided to send him to the hospital. The other twin, who was then quite healthy, was taken in mistake; later, when the error was discovered, he developed bronchial pneumonia, and died suddenly in his mother's arm. A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned.

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STRAITS & Calcutta	Suisang	Satur. 11th Dec at 3 p.m.
BANGKOK	Hangsang	Tues. 14th Dec at 8 a.m.
TSINGTAU Swatow S'hai Kwongsang		Wed. 15th Dec at 10 a.m.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow	Mingsang	Thurs. 15th Dec at 9 a.m.
OSAKA S'hai Moji & Kobe	Kwongsang	Satur. 18th Dec at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU Swatow & S'hai Hopsang		Sun. 19th Dec at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN via Swatow / Choongshing		Mon. 20th Dec at noon.
& Shanghai		
SANDAKAN	Matsang	Thurs. 23rd Dec at 2 p.m.
OSAKA via Moji & Kobe	Namsang	Fri. 24th Dec at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Laisang	Tues. 28th Dec at 3 p.m.
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NELLORE	6,852	23rd Dec.	S'pore Penang & Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	25th Dec.	M'los L'don A'werp & Hull
MIRZAPORE	6,718	29th Dec.	M'los L'don H'burg & Rotterdam
NYANZA	7,023	6th Jan.	S'pore Pang C'bo & B'bay
MALWA	18,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	22nd Jan.	M'los L'don A'werp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	23rd Jan.	S'pore Pang C'bo & B'bay
MOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles & London
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TAKLIWA	7,936	2nd Jan.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta

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	Tons	From Hong-kong (about)	Destination
ST. ALBANS	4,500	31st Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thurs.
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A curious meeting was held recently in Paris to see what could be done towards the production of future Carusos. The French Society of Throat, Nose, and Ear Specialists, having come to the conclusion that the present dearth of good singers was probably due to the way in which they were taught, decided that it was time the doctors came to the help of the professors of music. Most of these assembled at the School of Medicine agreed that the subject was not taught scientifically, but one professor said it would be impossible to establish a true scientific method, since there were as yet no instruments sufficiently delicate to permit of a slow-motion film being taken of a first-rate singer's larynx in action.

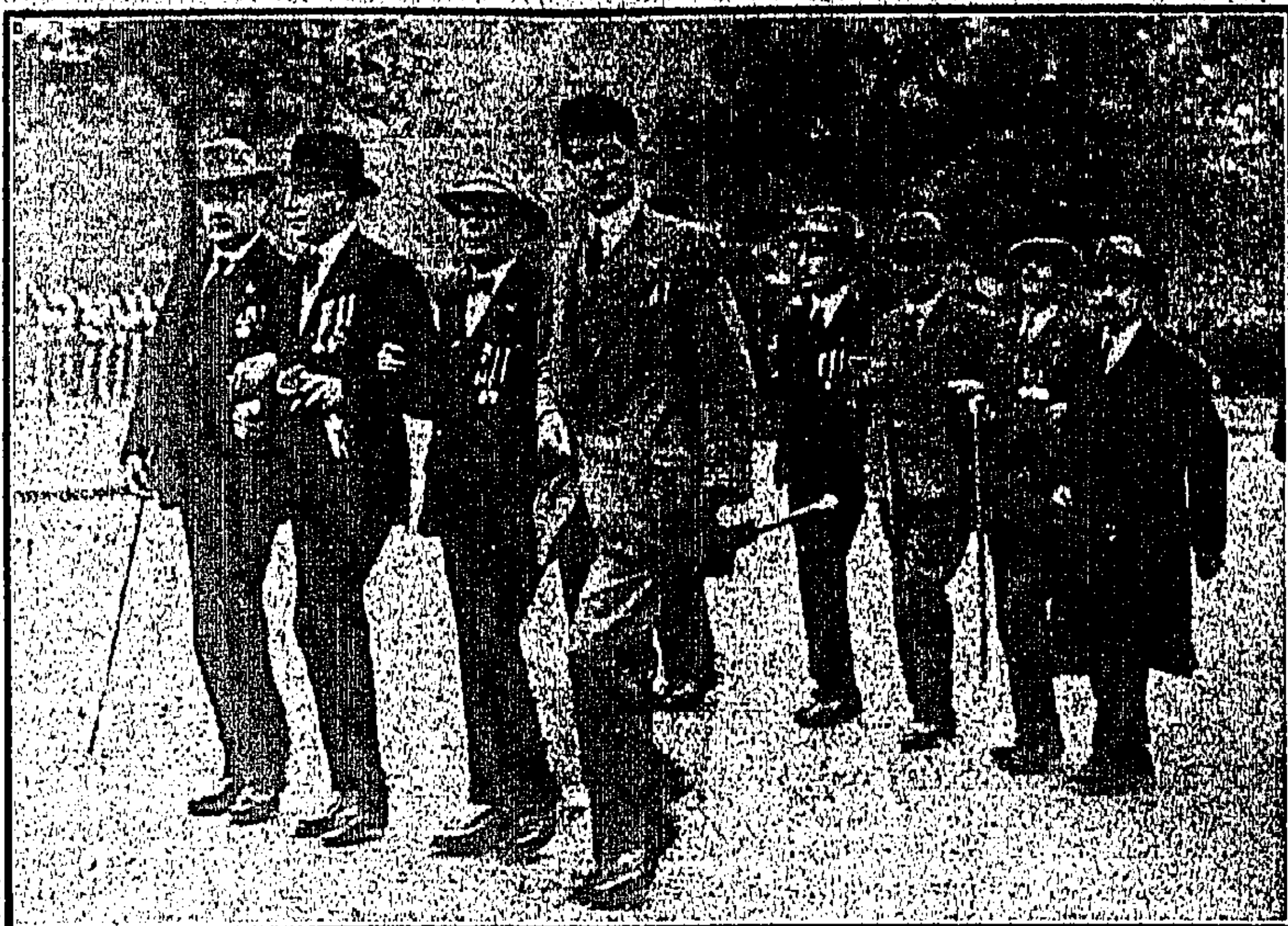
Various improvements were, however, suggested. The scheme of Dr. Moreaux, the famous Nancy specialist, for starting all vocal training with a species of Swedish

exercises for the throat, based on scientific lines, found wide support. It was also decided whether the pupil had a bass, tenor, or baritone throat. Many singers imagined themselves to be basses, when a medical examination would show that they ought to be tenors. The example of De Reske was quoted. He began as a baritone, until a doctor, by discovering he had the larynx of a tenor, gave the world one of its most exquisite singers.



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BLINDED HEROES OF THE WAR.



Blinded during the war, a number of sightless ex-Guardsmen were present at the unveiling of the Guards' War Memorial in London.

HANKOW UNREST.

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gratification. Such a spirit is bound to react harmfully on the country, and many Chinese are much alarmed and want these evil forces curbed. But agitators and pickets rely upon military as their support, and when the present officials are appealed to, they usually defend the actions of the disturbers as being "patriotic."

BOLSHEVIST AND ANTI-CHRISTIAN.

Many of the Southern soldiers are mere lads, looking not more than 15 or 16, and apart from a few officers, we were not impressed with any appearance of smartness or intelligence. They seem to be simply tools in the hands of a few clever and apparently unscrupulous leaders of Bolshevist tendencies. I was assured, that the recently reported interview with General Chang Kai-shek was true, and the aims there set forth are what have to be faced if this "Red" element gains the upper hand. It is too much to ask us to believe that the movement is not anti-Christian. Reports as to breaking up of mission premises and maltreatment of Christians are too strong evidence to the contrary. The troubles fomented in Christian schools and hospitals, and the almost impossible demands made, indicate that Christian philanthropy will meet with much opposition from the "Reds," at least if foreigners have anything at all to do with it. The Rules prepared by those now ruling at Hankow for Educational establishments are designed to crush Christian effort; large sums of money have to be deposited and undertakings given, that no Christian teaching be given, while at the same time Communism is to be definitely taught, and only teachers who are "Reds" are to be employed; and the whole is to be entirely under the control of the "Red" government. The aim evidently is to dispense with all foreign assistance unless it be entirely subservient to this particular political party. As regards labour, wages, hours, conditions of service, as well as the engaging and dismissal of workers, all have to be in the hands of the Unions. The employers seem to receive no consideration.

London, Nov. 15.—A Brussels message says the anniversary of the Battle of the Yser was commemorated by a march of ex-servicemen past the King before the Palace. The King sent a letter to Marshal Foch with reference to the latter's remarks mentioned in a message of November 11th. The King declares that on October 13, 1914 an order was circulated among the whole of the Belgian army declaring that whoever uttered the word retreat would be regarded as a traitor and before Marshal Foch's visit to the Belgian army it had been ordered to stand firm at all costs on the Yser line and no order for retreat had been given during the whole of the ensuing battle. It is true that the critical circumstances of October 25 led the Belgian headquarters staff to contemplate retreating, but Marshal Foch knows that the King steadfastly opposed even consideration of this plan.

"SUNNING" FIRE.

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when he was chased down again by a pirate armed with a revolver. Half-an-hour later, his shift was taken over by the Chief Engineer, and on going on to the saloon deck he found armed men all around, but got through unmolested to his own cabin by the expedient of stretching out his arms, in response to a shout uttered in English by a pirate:—"Is that all?"

THE PIRATE LEADER

Witness saw the pirate leader. This man was tall; he was dressed in a light grey lounge suit, minus collar or tie, wore Harold Lloyd glasses, and had a hawk-nose and heavy jaw.

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TASTING 630 BRANDS OF BEER.

LONG DAY'S WORK FOR EXPERTS.

There was a solemn profession at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, round 630 barrels of beer. Wise men, possessing the keenest palates for ale, tasted liquor from every one of those barrels on behalf of the Brewers' Exhibition. But did not drink a drop.

A Daily Chronicle representative found the casks ranged round the Gibeys Hall ready for the ritual. The bungs, spigots and taps were being tested, so that all should be in readiness for the ale-tasters.

Meanwhile another procession, even more solemn, was taking place. One hundred and seventeen dry ginger ales were being sampled. Scotch whiskies, Colonial wines and cider were also represented, but it is significant that the "pussyfoot" drinks seem to be increasing at the Brewers' Exhibition almost every year.

In the main hall were vast vats, vessels of wood and steel and copper, and machinery illustrating the latest methods of brewing and bottling. "That's my text," said the Rev. Wellesley Orr, vicar of St. Paul's, Kingston Hill, blowing a referee's whistle in the pulpit at a novel service attended by the district's football teams, whose coloured jerseys decorated the ends of the pews. The vicar explained that formerly he had refereed Soccer games, but had abandoned the practice because the players swore. "It is a good job," he declared, "that God is a great referee and overlooks some rules, such as cautioning a man only once."

WHEN IN DEBT.

LEE WHITE AND CLAY SMITH BANKRUPTCY.

Anna Lee Smith (professionally known as Lee White) and her husband, Clay Smith, vaudeville artists, applied to the Registrar in Bankruptcy at Sydney (Mr. N. C. Lockhart) recently for certificates of discharge.

The report of the Official Assignee (Mr. C. F. W. Loyd) disclosed that one of the chief reasons of the bankruptcy of the applicants was their tour of the East, which realised between £10,000 and £12,000. They toured under contract with Wilfred Cotton, theatrical entrepreneur, and the tour was not a financial success. During that tour their joint salaries were £60 per week.

Mr. Lloyd concluded his report by saying: "In my opinion a contributing factor to the bankruptcy was extravagance in living. A portion of their weekly drawings the bankrupts should have used to liquidate their debts, if only in part. Through not doing so I charge each bankrupt with reprehensible conduct."

Liabilities And Assets.

The bankrupts' liabilities and assets in the amended statement of affairs filed on April 7 last were:—Secured liabilities, £500; unsecured liabilities, £8,406; secured assets, £500; unencumbered assets, £81; amount realised, £50; debts proved, £4,963. Dividend to unsecured creditors, nil. A balance of £19 11s 9d stood to the credit of the joint estate at that date, and at balance of £28 7s 8d to the credit of the separate estate of Henry Clay Smith.

The applicants in an affidavit denied that they had been guilty of extravagance during their tour of the East, and stated that it was necessary for them to spend money for the purpose of entertaining and keeping themselves as entertainers before the public.

Mr. Hutton submitted that the applicants had not been guilty of any reprehensible conduct with regard to extravagance and that their expenditure in entertaining had been reasonable and necessary.

Registrar's Decision.

The Registrar, in giving his decision, said that the Official Assignee, in his report, had not given any specific instance of extravagance on the part of the defendants who, during their tour of the East, received a joint salary of £60 per week. He did not agree that because theatricals received large salaries they had a right to be extravagant, nor did he think that any person should be extravagant when he had debts to meet. However, in the present applications no objections had been lodged to the certificates of discharge, which he granted to each applicant.

Mr. W. Hutton (instructed by Messrs. Ernest Cohen and Linton) appeared for the applicants.

Delhi, Nov. 8.—The Governor-General of South Africa telegraphed the Viceroy on November 5th appreciation, on behalf of the South African Deputation in India, for the great courtesy and generous hospitality shown them.

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of

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A Comedy
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and Avery Hopwood

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Adapted and directed by
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"A Policeman's Life is Not a Happy One"

London, Nov. 14.—A verdict of port attributed death to his taking suicide while temporarily of un-cyanide of ammonia. His widow, sound mind was returned at the inquest on Edwin Roy Watson, described as a Doctor of Science and an Indian Education Officer from Cawnpore, who was found dead in his bed at an hotel in Kensington. A tumbler and a small glass tube were nearby. A medical ex-